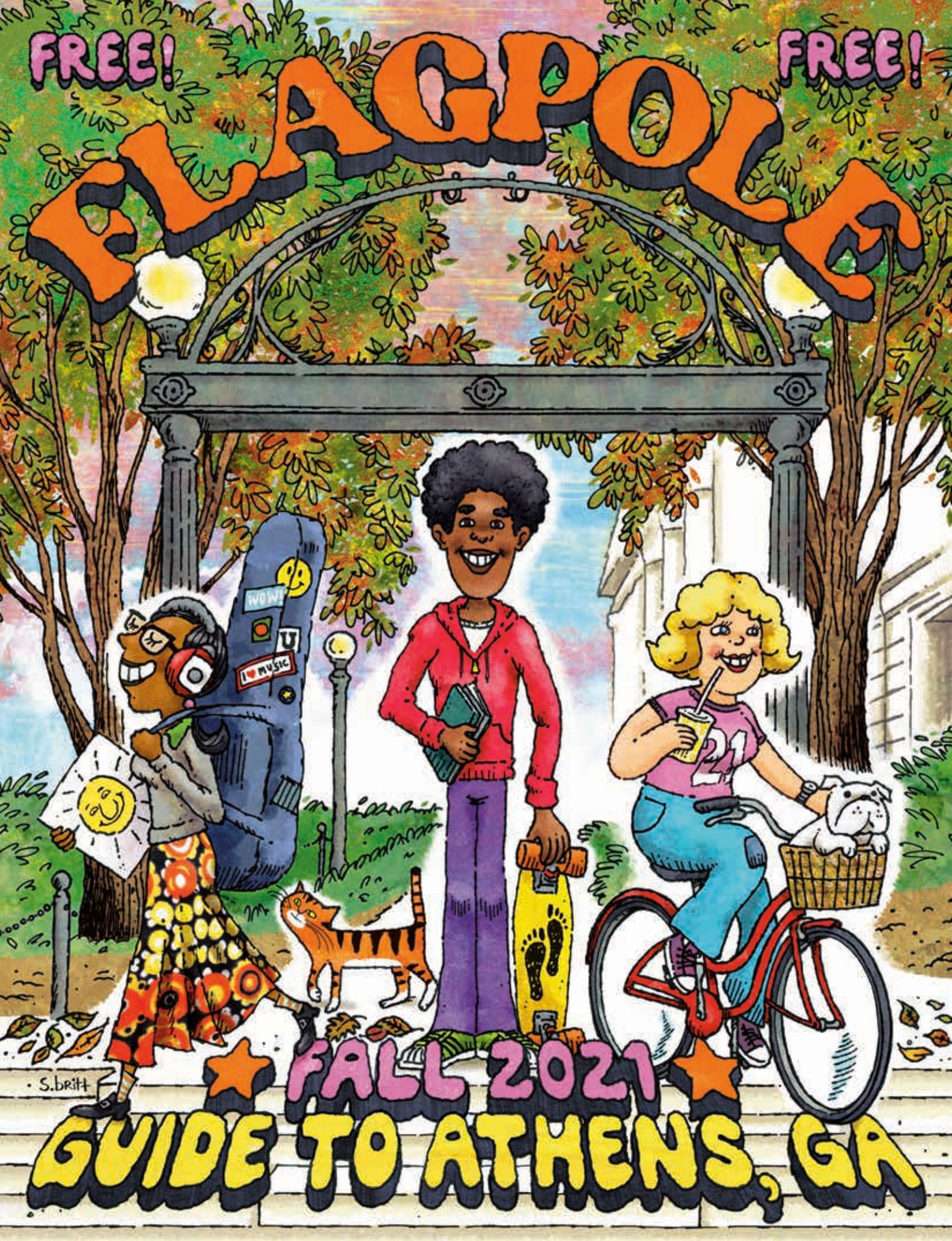


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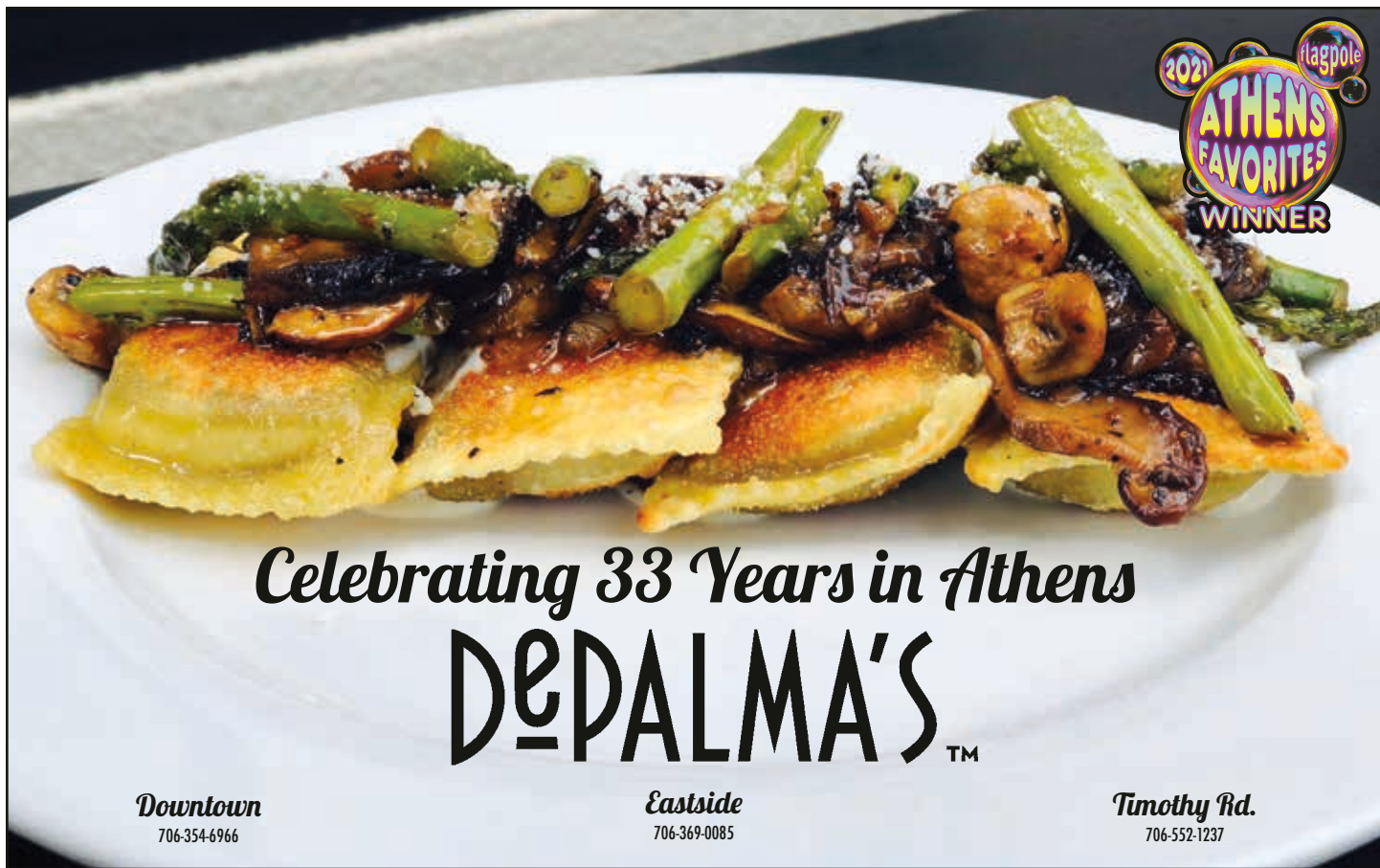


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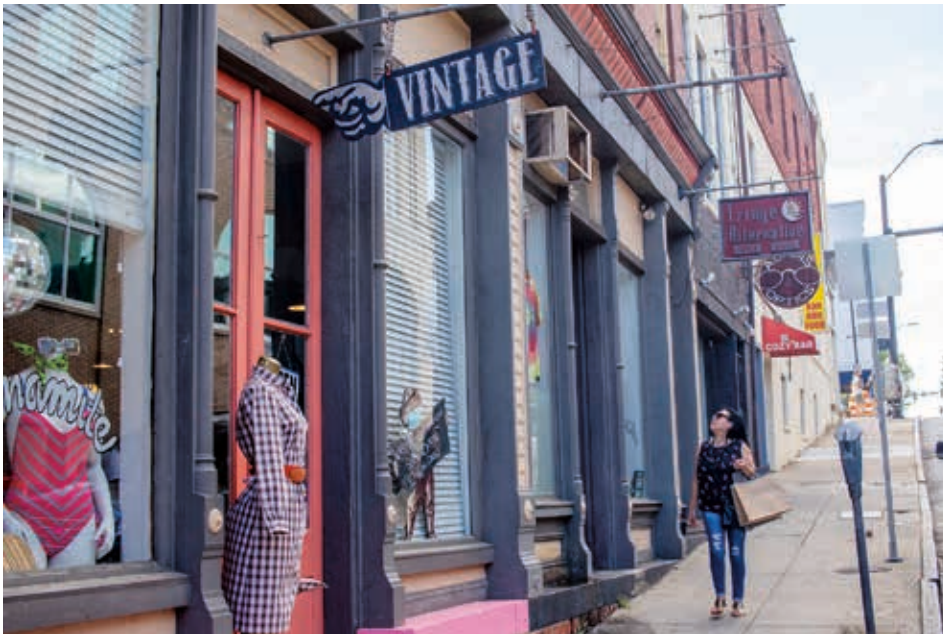
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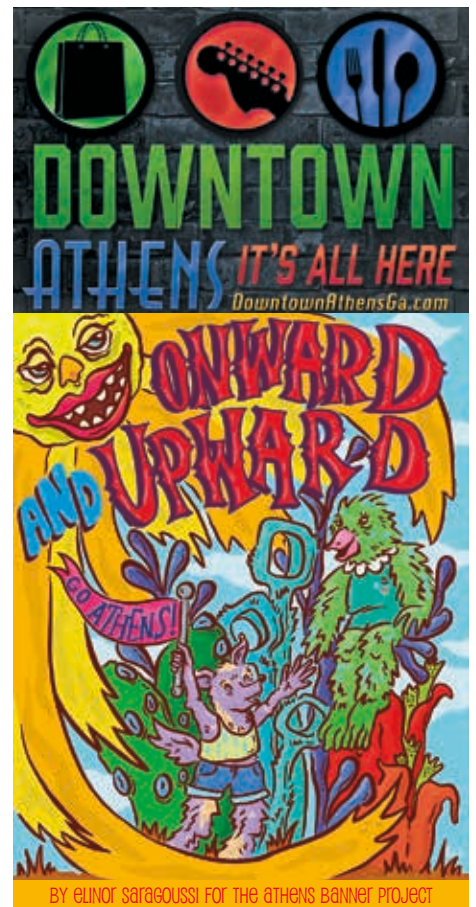
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# Athens at a Glance



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

## HOW WE GOT HERE

Athens and the University of Georgia have been intertwined from the beginning. The state legislature chartered UGA in 1785, making ours the oldest public university in the country, despite the fact that an upstart school in North Carolina erected a building before we did. 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. Easley, who knew a deal when one came riding up, retained the adjacent land and was happy to sell off his lots to the villagers. Although UGA was situated in the woods to keep it far away from the evil influences of taverns, the villagers quickly learned how to cater to students, and at present, this cradle of philosophy boasts around 100 bars.

The county is named for Elijah Clarke, a Revolutionary War hero who ambushed the British in a swamp down the road at the Battle of Kettle Creek. After the war, he attempted to set up his own nation—the Trans-Oconee Republic—which attacked the Creek Indians, and he eventually became involved in the Yazoo Land Fraud. Our namesake: right or wrong!

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 participated nonetheless. The Cook and Bros. armory across the river from downtown—now the Chicopee-Dudley building—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 those of the Cobb brothers. T.R.R. Cobb's home is now a house museum in the Cobbham neighborhood.

By the turn of the century, Athens had public schools, a police force and its first streetcar suburbs: Cobbham, Boulevard and Five Points. (The last remaining streetcar-stop shelter can be seen at the corner of Lumpkin and Cedar streets.) In 1891, the State Normal School, a teacher's college, opened in what's now called Normaltown. The U.S. Navy took over the college in the 1950s, training its supply corpsmen there. When the Navy school moved to Rhode Island in 2011, UGA acquired the property and turned it into a health sciences campus in conjunction with Augusta University.

In the early 20th Century, Black-owned businesses were flourishing downtown on the Hot Corner at Hull and Washington streets, centered around the Morton Theatre, which was 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 (recently closed). Local public schools didn't fully integrate until 1970, 16 years after *Brown v. Board of Education*. This was also the time of “urban renewal,” which tore down whole Black neighborhoods, such as



Linnestown, on Baxter Hill, which was razed in the early 1960s to make way for new UGA high-rise dorms.

A decade later, the Model Cities program brought millions of dollars in federal money to provide much-needed infrastructure—street paving, water lines and sewerage, structural rehabilitation and a neighborhood health center—to East Athens, a predominately Black and poor area of town. Model Cities, through its citizen-participation component, also empowered a generation of Black citizens who went on to elected and appointed positions within the governmental and civic life of Athens.

Downtown largely emptied out when Georgia Square Mall opened on Atlanta Highway in 1981, paving the way for Athens to become the music mecca it is today. R.E.M. was about to hit it big, and, fueled by low-interest loans from the new Athens Downtown Development Authority and their own nest eggs amassed through the various means of the time, entrepreneurs took advantage of the vacancies to open venues that quickly became popular—some even iconic, like the 40 Watt Club, the Georgia Theatre and the late-lamented Caledonia Lounge.

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 chief executive 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 chain businesses, 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. 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.

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. The Commission 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](https://youtube.com/accgov). Agendas, background information and contact information for county officials are available at [accgov.com](https://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. The district is in the process of moving its headquarters to the former Piedmont College campus on Prince Avenue. Superintendent Xernona Thomas heads the school district, and Clarke County School District’s website is [clarke.k12.ga.us](https://clarke.k12.ga.us). Agendas are posted at [boarddocs.com/ga/clarke/Board.nsf/Public](https://boarddocs.com/ga/clarke/Board.nsf/Public) 24 hours before the meeting.

Although Athens votes reliably Democratic, Republicans in the Georgia legislature have kindly used their mathematical skills to arrange the districting here to allow representation by four Republicans and just one Democrat in the state legislature. (But, since redistricting is underway, Republicans may be able to figure out how to shoulder the whole load of local representation.) 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 (in time for the Masters golf tournament). Check [legis.ga.gov](https://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 ([athensclarkedems.com](https://athensclarkedems.com)), Athens for Everyone ([athensforeveryone.com](https://athensforeveryone.com)), Athens Anti-Discrimination Movement

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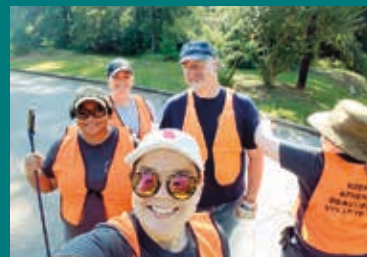


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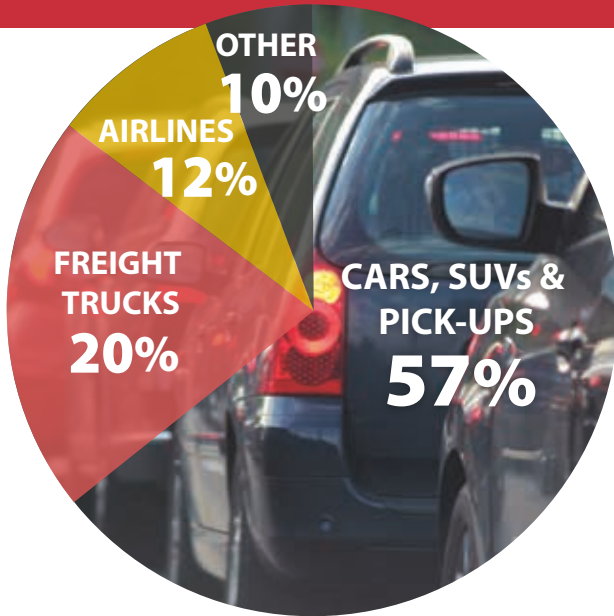


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When restrictions on gatherings aren't in place, UGA also hosts nearly daily lectures, exhibitions, readings and discussion groups that are open to the public; check *Flagpole's* Calendar or [calendar.uga.edu](http://calendar.uga.edu) for the latest.

## 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, and allow three feet between your car and bicyclists!) 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 the trestle on the back cover of R.E.M.'s *Murmur* used to be—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.

**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](http://downtownathensga.org) and [parking.uga.edu](http://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](http://athenstransit.com)) buses leave in all directions from the Multimodal Center on East Broad Street, down the hill from downtown. At present, both Athens Transit and Campus Transit ([transit.uga.edu](http://transit.uga.edu)) are free and open to the public—just hop on, but wear a mask. Campus buses mostly run through campus (duh), but routes along Milledge Avenue and Prince Avenue stop at a handful of off-campus locations. Both agencies have apps that allow you to find stops and track buses.

**SKIP TOWN:** Southeastern Stages ([southeasternstages.com](http://southeasternstages.com)) intercity buses leave from 4020 Atlanta Hwy. Groome Transportation ([groometransportation.com](http://groometransportation.com)) will take you from one of several pick-up locations to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. Athens is still searching for a commercial aviation carrier to fly into and out of our spiffy airport. Amtrak's Crescent ([amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com)) stops in Gainesville on its run between New Orleans and New York City.



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**UGA ENROLLMENT:** **39,147** (Fall 2020)

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





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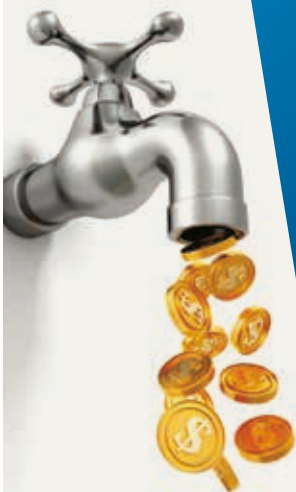
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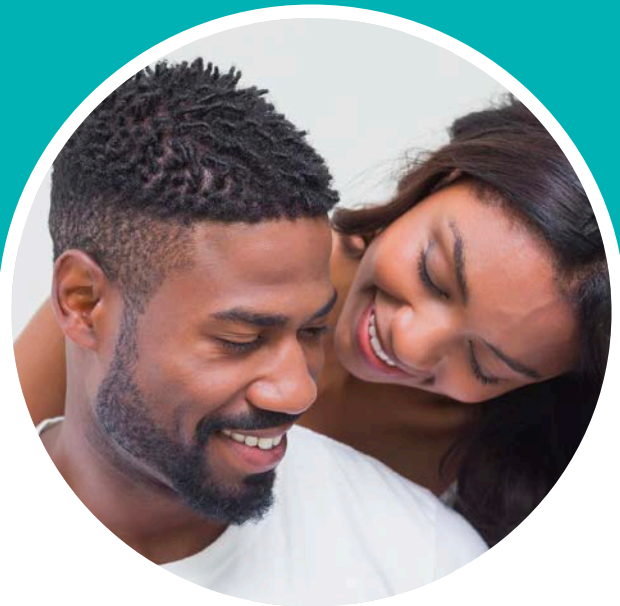
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**Athens** is a cornucopia of annual events including but not limited to festivals, parades, fundraisers, sporting events, craft markets and outdoor fun. Here are a few familiar happenings coming up. Check *Flagpole's* weekly calendar in print and at [flagpole.com](http://flagpole.com) for a comprehensive community events roundup.

**Twilight Criterium** | **Aug. 20-21, 2021** | This world-class bicycle race draws thousands downtown and includes lots of associated activities. [athenstwilight.com](http://athenstwilight.com)

**Classic City Brew Fest** | **Aug. 28, 2021** | Enthusiasts sample craft beer from Athens and around the region at this long-running event. Celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year, the festival will be held at Hotel Indigo. [classiccitybrew.com](http://classiccitybrew.com)

**UGA Home Football Games 2021** | Dawg fans fill the stadium and overflow to occupy every nearby space with a TV and a tap. **Sept. 11** UAB • **Sept. 18** South Carolina • **Oct. 2** Arkansas • **Oct. 16** Kentucky • **Nov. 6** Missouri • **Nov. 20** Charleston Southern. [georgiadogs.com](http://georgiadogs.com)

**AthFest Music and Arts Festival** | **Sept. 24-26, 2021** | Local and regional bands play the free outdoor stages located in downtown Athens. There's also an artist market, kids activities, food and drink and more. [athfest.com](http://athfest.com)

**Wildwood Revival** | **Oct. 8-10, 2021** | A grown-up, camp-out, upscale, ecology-friendly festival of music from country to rock to jazz to hip hop and more. [wildwoodrevival.com](http://wildwoodrevival.com)

**North Georgia Folk Festival** | **Oct. 9, 2021** | Enjoy a day of outstanding folk music, arts and crafts, kids activities and food trucks. [athensfolk.org](http://athensfolk.org)

**LatinxFest** | **Oct. 9, 2021** | Celebrate with the local Latinx community during National Hispanic Heritage Month. [latinxfestath.com](http://latinxfestath.com)

**Boo-le-Bark on the Boulevard** | **Oct. 10, 2021** | Rain or shine, show off your pup's best Halloween attire. [barkonboulevard.com](http://barkonboulevard.com)

**Porch Fest** | **Oct. 10, 2021** | The Athens music scene kicks up on front porches all over Athens' walkable intown neighborhoods for a tuneful afternoon/evening ramble. [historicathens.com](http://historicathens.com)

**Boobutante Ball** | **Oct. 23, 2021** | What happens when drag queens and drag kings collide with Halloween? Boobutante! This event is put on as a fundraiser for Boybutante AIDS Foundation at the fabulous 40 Watt Club. [boobutante.org](http://boobutante.org)

**AthHalf** | **Oct. 24, 2021** | AthFest Educates' half-marathon highlights live music along its meandering course and is designed to showcase Athens and UGA. [athhalf.com](http://athhalf.com)

**Wild Rumpus Parade and Spectacle** | **Oct. 30, 2021** | Don your best costume and howl at the moon on Halloween weekend. Kids events, music and more. [wildrumpus.org](http://wildrumpus.org)

**Downtown Parade of Lights** | **Dec. 2, 2021** | Floats, marching bands and Santa Claus make their way through downtown and wind up at City Hall for a tree-lighting ceremony. [athensclarkecounty.com](http://athensclarkecounty.com)

**Indie South Fair** | **Dec. 11-12, 2021** | This large outdoor market of hand-crafted and functional art has several other events throughout the year. [indiesouthfair.com](http://indiesouthfair.com)

**MLK Day Parade and Music Fest** | **Jan. 17, 2022** | The festival and the parade through downtown are sponsored by the Athens Anti-discrimination Movement and include music, dance, speeches and vendors. [aadmovement.org](http://aadmovement.org)

**Dancing with the Athens Stars** | **March 19, 2022** | Local celebrities work hard with their paired dancers for Project Safe at the Classic Center. [project-safe.org](http://project-safe.org)

**Fluke Mini-Comics and Zine Festival** | **Mar. 26, 2022** | Comic and zine creators (lots of them) get together annually to share and sell their stuff at the 40 Watt Club. [flukeathens.com](http://flukeathens.com)





# Art Around Town

**Athens** has a handful of interesting galleries, and even more eye-catching artwork can be found around town, adding bursts of color and character to the walls of coffee houses, restaurants, bars and shops. Check *Flagpole's* Art Around Town for a weekly 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.

## The Athenaeum

287 W. Broad St. • [art.uga.edu/athenaeum](http://art.uga.edu/athenaeum)

Curated by Dodd Galleries director Katie Geha, the Athenaeum is a new downtown contemporary art space focused on internationally and nationally acclaimed artists and cross-disciplinary conversation.

## Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (ATHICA)

675 Pulaski St., Ste. 1200 • 706-850-7770 • [athica.org](http://athica.org)

ATHICA balances Athens-centric exhibitions with those of professional contemporary artists from across the globe. In addition to traditional opening receptions, exhibitions are often accompanied by educational workshops, performances and talks with visiting artists.

## Aurum Studios

125 E. Clayton St. • 706-546-8826 • [aurumstudios.com](http://aurumstudios.com)

With multiple in-house jewelers, Aurum specializes in custom jewelry. The shop also offers local pottery, painting, woodwork and metalwork.

## BARBAR Vintage Textiles and Home

1354 S. Milledge Ave. • [barbarvintagetextilesandhome.com](http://barbarvintagetextilesandhome.com)

BARBAR focuses on vintage textiles, antiques and handcrafted items by contemporary artisans from across the globe. New on the scene, the shop intends to host frequent exhibitions of local artists as well as other special events.

## Ciné

234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343 • [athenscine.com](http://athenscine.com)

More than just an indie movie theater, Ciné is also a venue for visual art. The exhibit space runs down the main entrance wall and is curated through a

partnership with ATHICA. This season features Chatham Murray from Sept. 1–Oct. 25 and Eddie Lohmeyer from Nov. 1–Dec. 30.

## The Circle Gallery

285 S. Jackson St. • 706-542-8292 • [ced.uga.edu](http://ced.uga.edu)

Part of UGA's College of Environment and Design and housed on North Campus, the Circle Gallery hosts several 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](http://classiccenter.com)

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](http://getcurious.com/get-artistic)

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

## The Dodd Galleries

270 River Road • 706-542-1511 • [art.uga.edu/galleries](http://art.uga.edu/galleries)

UGA's renowned art school neighbors the Georgia Museum of Art. In addition to the popular BFA exit shows, 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](http://georgiamuseum.org)

Georgia's official art museum houses a large permanent collection of paintings, prints, decorative arts, sculpture and more. This season's lineup includes "Kota Ozawa: The Crime of Art," "Neo-Abstraction: Celebrating a Gift of Contemporary Art from John and Sara Shlesinger" and "Collective Impressions: Modern Native American Printmakers." Events include gallery tours, lectures, films, workshops for teens and family activities.



## Indie South

470 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-0644 • [theindiesouth.com](http://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, now stocks several popular artists.

## The K.A. Artist Shop

127 N. Jackson St. • 706-850-1224 • [kaartist.com](http://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.

## Lyndon House Arts Center

211 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3623 • [athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse](http://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. Fall exhibitions include "i vs me: Andy Cherewick & Jeffrey Whittle," "Modernist Sculptures from the Legacy of Loyd Florence," "A Lot More Than It Seems: Artworks by David Froetschel," "Something I've Been Meaning to Tell You: Brian Hitselberger & Julie Willis," and "Inside Out: Expressing the Inner World."

## Madison-Morgan Cultural Center

434 S. Main St., Madison • 706-342-4743 • [mmcc-arts.org](http://mmcc-arts.org)

Programming ranges from visual art exhibitions to performing arts, and annual events include an antiques show, chamber music festival and tour of homes. Permanent exhibitions include an 1895 schoolroom, a gallery of original furnishings from the Arts and Crafts Period and a museum of Piedmont history.

## Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF)

34 School St., Watkinsville • 706-769-4565 • [ocaf.com](http://ocaf.com)

Centered in a renovated turn-of-the-century schoolhouse, OCAF is a non-profit that offers a range of exhibitions and classes. Longstanding annual events include "Southworks," a national juried art exhibition; "Perspectives," the Georgia pottery invitational; a members exhibition; and a holiday market.

## Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum

2450 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-1244

Located at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, the Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum opened in 2021 to showcase the personal collection of Deen Day Sanders, a charter board member of the garden. The state-of-the-art facility blends conservation, botanicals, art and history.

## STEEL + PLANK

675 Pulaski St., Suite 200 • 706-850-7980 • [steelandplank.com](http://steelandplank.com)

Owned by Kelley Bishop, STEEL + PLANK produces sustainable and minimalist furniture made possible through its own architecture firm, STUDIO.BNA, and fabrication studio, Very Dark Gray. Makers and artists are highlighted during pop-ups.

## Tif Sigfrids

83 E. North Ave., Comer • [info@tifsigfrids.com](mailto:info@tifsigfrids.com) • [tifsigfrids.com](http://tifsigfrids.com)

Owner Tif Sigfrids first relocated her gallery from Los Angeles to Athens, and then recently moved farther out to Comer. Exhibitions primarily showcase the works of professional contemporary artists.

## tiny ATH gallery

174 Cleveland Ave. • [tinyathgallery@gmail.com](mailto:tinyathgallery@gmail.com) • [tinyathgallery.com](http://tinyathgallery.com)

Athens' smallest physical gallery space packs a punch with pop-up exhibitions each month. Artists coming this season include Alexis Spina, Davy Gibbs, James Greer, Sarah Flinn and Amanda Jane Crouse and Amanda Jane Burk.

## UGA Special Collections Libraries

300 S. Hull St. • 706-542-7123 • [libs.uga.edu/sci](http://libs.uga.edu/sci)

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

## Winterville Center for Community and Culture

371 N. Church St., Winterville • 706-742-0823 • [wintervillecenter.com](http://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.

# Public Art Projects

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

**Art Shelters:** Serving transit riders while also injecting creativity into the built environment, many of Athens-Clarke County Transit's bus shelters double as public art. Currently, there are a total of 24 art shelters and an additional 20 artist-designed laser-cut shelters.

**Athens Creative Directory:** Organized by the Athens-Clarke County Economic Development Department and CREATE Athens (a division of Envision Athens), the Athens Creative Directory serves as a hub for finding and interacting with creatives working in a variety of disciplines. Visit [athenscreatives.directory](http://athenscreatives.directory) to search through profiles.

**Athens Mural Alley:** Located downtown in between Clayton and Washington Streets, the new Athens Mural Alley activates an otherwise overlooked alley into a walk-through art experience. Artists include John Ahee, Tayler Ayers, Luka Carter, Maria Elias, Elinor Saragoussi Phillips, Tori Watson and Beaux Xavier. The series joins Taylor Shaw's "ATHENS Mural," which resembles a vintage "Greetings from..." postcard and celebrates the Classic City as a musical mecca.

**Cobbham Triangle Park:** Occupying the slice of land nestled between Prince Avenue, Cobb and Harris streets, the Cobbham Triangle Park is a neighborhood gathering spot accentuated by public art. Highlights include an entranceway designed by St. Udio, a mosaic sitting wall called "Flow," by Krysia Ara; a towering sculpture called "Spirit of Inspiration" by Harold Rittenberry; and granite sculptures by Stan Mullins for games of chess and ping pong.

**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.

**Hope:** Located downtown on the exterior walls of Epiphany Athens and The Rook & Pawn, David Hale's mural "Hope" depicts barn swallows—a symbol of rebirth and hope—flying across a prismatic, rainbow-colored sky. "Hope" celebrates the 25th anniversary of the AthFest Music and Arts Festival, and replaced "BirdSong," Hale's mural of 20 species of native songbirds that was commissioned by AthFest Educates to commemorate the festival's 20th anniversary.

**Hot Corner: An Athens Legacy:** Located at the corner of Lumpkin and Washington streets, "Hot Corner: An Athens Legacy" 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 streetlight 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 various businesses.

**Sculptures and Murals:** Athens' most recognizable sculptures are a series of giant bulldogs painted in colorful designs. To check out more sculptures, visit Steve Sweetser's kinetic "Tree of Oneta" near the historic Southern Mill complex or Abbot Pattison's infamous "Iron Horse" on SR 15 southeast of Watkinsville. Popular murals include Eleanor Davis at home.made, Dave Jenkins at Last Resort Grill and Anthony Wislar at Creature Comforts Brewery.





# Activities for Kids

## RUN OUT THE WIGGLES

**Athens** -Clarke County has more than a dozen playgrounds, each offering its own set of slides and surroundings. Playgrounds are open for use; check Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services' website if you're heading out on a weekday morning, because some parks are closed for regular maintenance a few hours each week ([accgov.com/2550/Playgrounds](http://accgov.com/2550/Playgrounds)). For a more expansive place to run, check out Southeast Clarke Park (325 Whit Davis Road); for a more intimate neighborhood vibe, head to Reese and Pope Park (375 Reese St.) or Boulevard Woods (298 Barber St.). Visit the website for the full list.

For a good old-fashioned hike, Southeast Clarke Park has wide trails connecting the playground and dog park areas to the athletic fields. There are also plenty of trails at Sandy Creek Nature Center (205 Old Commerce Road)—just head south of the visitors center and look for entrances along the paved Greenway path. There's also the Birchmore Trail at Memorial Park (293 Gran Ellen Dr.) and

Ben Burton Park (615 Mitchell Bridge Road) that has both a walk along the river and a mountain-like side hike up along the hillside.

Beyond county parks, there are also extensive trails at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S. Milledge Ave.) that will take you along the North Oconee River and through restored wetlands. A new boardwalk area allows you to walk out into a floodplain to look for small creatures among the grasses. The garden's Alice H. Richards Children's Garden is now open and is a must-see whether you have family in town or are just looking for a place to take the kids. Oconee Forest Park (110 Lake Herrick Drive), adjacent to UGA's intramural fields, also offers a trail system around Lake Herrick. You can even bring your fishing poles and hang out on some of the new docks afterward.

## ON A ROLL

If your kids want to take out the bikes, skateboards or scooters, we have several options. The network of paved trails along the Greenway connects parks



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and green spaces along the North Oconee River, from Dudley Park to points east and west ([accgov.com/greenway](http://accgov.com/greenway)). Take the paved path up to Sandy Creek Nature Center! In the opposite direction, the Firefly Trail continues to grow—Winterville now has a one-mile section through its downtown that is perfect for exploring with little ones. Or take your bikes off-road at Walker Park, which has several trails maintained by the local chapter of the Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association ([sorbaathens.com](http://sorbaathens.com)).

Several local parks also offer paved trails, including Bishop Park (705 Sunset Drive), Southeast Clarke Park (the opposite side from the playground, at 4440 Lexington Road) and Memorial Park.

Ben Burton Park offers a spot to launch your canoe or kayak. You can also take your paddle-powered vessel to Lake Herrick or to Lake Chapman at Sandy Creek Park (400 Bob Holman Road), not to be confused with Sandy Creek Nature Center. Lake Chapman also offers a sandy beach and swimming. (Admission to the park is \$2/person ages 4-64).

## PLACES TO LEARN

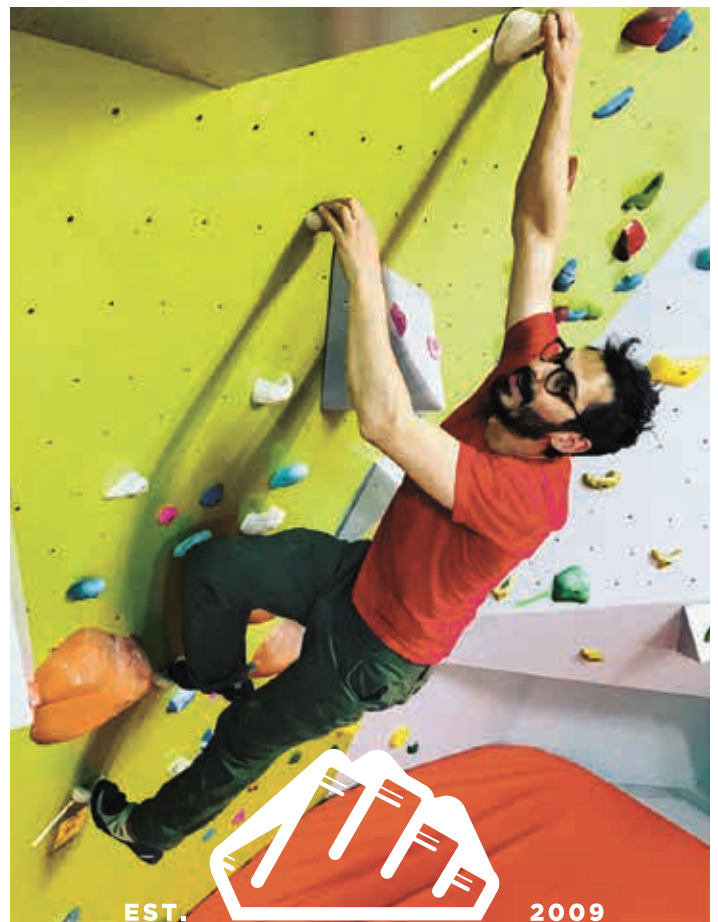
**GET CREATIVE:** We're lucky to have two large, free indoor spaces dedicated to displaying art. The Lyndon House Arts Center (211 Hoyt St.) is open for socially-distanced viewing of its art exhibitions. The Georgia Museum of Art (90 Carlton St.) is open for visits by appointment to limit the number of people in the galleries. Family Days are continuing in virtual format, with kits available for pickup from the museum in advance of the event. Check the website for themes and details.

**EXPLORE NATURE THEMES:** In addition to the trails and playground at Sandy Creek Nature Center, the facility has a great facility where kids can explore STEM-related topics such as electricity, how we grow our food, planets and bees. It's all very interactive and accessible for a range of ages, and it makes for a cool option on a hot afternoon. If your kids want to commune with some animals, Memorial Park offers walks through Bear Hollow Zoo, as well as opportunities to feed the ducks at its pond (please don't bring bread!).

**GET LOST IN A BOOK:** Children's activities at area libraries, including the Athens-Clarke County Library (2025 Baxter St.), are moving back to in-person events. Each area library hosts a monthly event at a local park (with the idea that you can rotate among the various libraries for an outdoor event each week) moving to indoor events this fall that will require registration in order to control the number of attendees. Visit [www.athenslibrary.org](http://www.athenslibrary.org) for updates.

**LEARN SOME HISTORY:** Athens has four historic house museums that offer glimpses of the past in Athens. The Ware-Lyndon House, adjacent to the Lyndon House Arts Center, is open for self-guided tours during arts center hours. While tours of the Taylor-Grady House (634 Prince Ave.) continue to be on hold, the T.R.R. Cobb House (175 Hill St.) is open by appointment. The Athens Welcome Center (280 E. Dougherty St., [athenswelcomecenter.com](http://athenswelcomecenter.com)) not only offers tours of its historic space, but also offers daily walking and driver-led tours that are suitable for any age. Parents and caregivers can drop by for a fun scavenger hunt for the kids, and if you can't make it in person, check out the welcome center's Facebook page for a series of videos about Athens history.

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# Parks & Recreation



**Athens** has lots of public parks, some 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. The Athens-Clarke County government now has a new "Park Finder" app to help match users with locations that fit their amenity selections. Please visit [accgov.com/parks](http://accgov.com/parks), for a complete list of all parks and recreation areas.

## Athens-Clarke County

[accgov.com/parks](http://accgov.com/parks)

### Ben Burton Park

615 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



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

### Bishop Park

705 Sunset Drive • 706-613-3589

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



This large Normaltown park is equipped with fields and courts for a variety of sports, a paved walking path and a pool. Programs include tennis, gymnastics, swimming and more. Home to the Athens Farmers Market on Saturdays from March to December.

### Boulevard Woods

298 Barber St. • 706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



This cute pocket park in the Boulevard neighborhood has a paved walking loop, a small playground and an amphitheater.

### Dudley Park

100 Dudley Park Road • 706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



This 32-acre park is near downtown by the river, with open fields and connections to the Firefly Trail and the North Oconee River Greenway. The park will soon have restrooms and an amphitheater (coming this fall.)

### East Athens Community Center

400 McKinley Drive • 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 serve everyone from kids to seniors and include a branch of the public library.

### Firefly Trail

Multiple entrances: East Broad Street, Dudley Park, Poplar Street, Inglewood Avenue, Old Winterville Road • 706-613-3801 • [fireflytrail.com](http://fireflytrail.com)

Hours: sunrise-sunset



The first mile of this painstakingly designed walking and biking trail is open along the historic Georgia Railroad corridor. Phase 2 of expansion (consisting of the bridge over Trail Creek/Murmur Trestle) is currently underway.

### Greenway and Riverside Parks

706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



These linear parks have over eight 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. (Please note that Cook's Trail near Sandy Creek Nature Center is prone to flooding, so checking the park website is advised.) For a complete list of trails and points of interest, please visit [www.accgov.com/greenway](http://www.accgov.com/greenway).

### Holland Youth Sports Complex

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

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



The 62-acre sports complex is home to Athens United soccer, Downtown Falcons football and

animals | baseball | basketball | beach | bike | boat | boat ramp | camp | disc golf | dog park | fish  
food | grill | gym | gymnastics | horse trail | multipurpose fields | picnic shelter | picnic table | playground  
restrooms | skate park | snack bar | soccer | softball | splash pad | swim | tennis | volleyball | walk



Athens Little League baseball and softball action.

### Lay Park

297 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3596

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



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

### Memorial Park

293 Gran Ellen Drive • 706-613-3580

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



This popular 72-acre park in the heart of Five Points is home to Bear Hollow Zoo (open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.), a dog park, a duck-filled pond and a public pool, as well as Athens Creative Theater.

### Reese & Pope Park

375 Reese St. • 706-613-3801

Hours: sunrise-sunset



This is a small neighborhood park with basketball courts and a playground.

### Rocksprings Community Center & Park

291 Henderson Ext. • 706-613-3602

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



This multipurpose park has 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. The Nature Playscape is the Center's latest addition, inviting visitors to explore and be as adventurous in nature as possible. Please note that dogs, bikes, skates, skateboards and scooters are not allowed in the playscape.

### Sandy Creek Park

400 Bob Holman Road • 706-613-3631

Hours: Tue-Sun., 7 a.m.-9 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. The park is open mostly from sunrise to sunset but changes depending on the time of the year.

### Satterfield Park

2950 Cherokee Road • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset

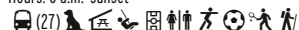


A community park with athletic fields and courts, Satterfield is home to East Athens Little League play.

### Southeast Clarke Park

4440 Lexington Road • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



Home to World of Wonder, this is 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 are also tennis courts, a dog park, trails and soccer and softball fields.

### Tennis Center

4460 Lexington Road • 706-613-3991

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 1-6 p.m.



This recreation center accommodates year-round usage for open play, leagues, instructional programs, clinics and tournaments and includes 12 lighted, hard-surface courts with viewing and staging areas. There's also a covered pavilion, restrooms and office and meeting facilities. The center is staffed seven days a week according to hours of operation, but courts open every day at 8 a.m. (Hours may be affected by the weather.)

### Walker Park

200 Trail Creek St. • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



A sprawling park just minutes from downtown, Walker Park has 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/legion](http://tate.uga.edu/legion)

pool

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 bathhouse, Legion is enjoyed each summer by the university community and by those who join the Friends of Campus Life. **Closed the 2021 season.**

### Oconee Forest Park

College Station Road at Alumni Drive • 706-542-4287 •

[warnell.forestry.uga.edu/oconee-forest-park](http://warnell.forestry.uga.edu/oconee-forest-park)

Hours: dawn-dusk



This 60-acre park with hiking trails 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](http://botgarden.uga.edu)

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



Admire beautiful and diverse gardens and explore nature trails, but no dogs. The grounds include a visitors center with a conservatory and café and a new Porcelain and Decorative Arts Museum (with an elevator from the parking area down to the visitors center). The Alice H. Richards Children's Garden is a hands-on, kid-centric wonderland. Some garden facilities, such as the lovely Day Chapel in the woods, are available for rental.

## Oconee County

[oconeecounty.com/398/Parks](http://oconeecounty.com/398/Parks)

### Bogart Sports Complex

200 S. Burson Ave., Bogart • 706-769-3965

Hours: 5 a.m.-11 p.m.



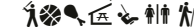
This 33-acre park behind the Bogart Library has

lighted ballfields, multipurpose fields, playground and a half-mile trail.

### Harris Shoals Park

Harris Shoals Drive, Watkinsville • 706-769-5161

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



This is a small park with picnic tables, walking trails, shoals and a baseball field.

### Heritage Park

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

Hours: sunrise-sunset

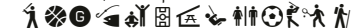


The 364-acre park bordering the Apalachee River boasts miles of hiking, biking and horse-riding trails as well as an open-air arena that hosts special events.

### Herman C. Michael Park

1051 Elder Road, Bishop • 706-769-3965

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

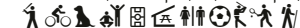


This large park has lighted fields and a free disc golf course.

### Oconee Veterans Park

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

Hours: Mon-Fri., 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 1-6 p.m.



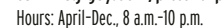
This park contains walking trails, tennis courts and multipurpose fields outside and a gym and track inside.

## City of Winterville

### Pittard Park and Pavilion

Parkview and Church streets • 706-742-8600 • [cityofwinterville.jigsys.com/pittard-park](http://cityofwinterville.jigsys.com/pittard-park)

Hours: April-Dec., 8 a.m.-10 p.m.



This park has a pavilion, playgrounds and metal art by Beverly Babb. It hosts the Winterville Marigold Festival every spring.

## State of Georgia

### Fort Yargo State Park

210 S. Broad St., Winder • 770-867-3489 • [gastateparks.org/fortyargo](http://gastateparks.org/fortyargo)

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

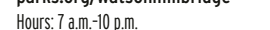


The park surrounds a lake for swimming, fishing and boating. It features a 1792 log fort and campsites, including yurts and cabins. Five-dollar parking with annual passes is available for purchase. Some social distancing restrictions may still apply when visiting.

### Watson Mill Bridge State Park

650 Watson Mill Road, Comer • 706-783-5349 • [gastateparks.org/watsonmillbridge](http://gastateparks.org/watsonmillbridge)

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



This picturesque park a short drive from Athens contains the longest covered bridge in the state, as well as log cabins, campsites, horse-riding trails and a river perfect for wading. Five-dollar parking with annual passes is available for purchase. Some social distancing restrictions may still apply when visiting.

# Athens Music

ADRIA CARPENTER

## 10 Things to Know About Athens Music

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

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

### 2. Music Venues Range in Size and Focus

Though the live entertainment industry has been severely impacted 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 and Georgia Theatre, while Southern Brewing Company, Flicker Theatre & Bar, Hendershot's Coffee Bar, Nowhere Bar and The World Famous are dependable choices for catching local bands any night of the week.

### 3. Festivals Happen Year-Round

While the pandemic threw a wrench into many of last year's traditions, most festivals were able to continue with virtual or modified protocols in place. Spring stays busy between Athens Human Rights Festival and International Street Festival. The hip hop- and gospel-centric Hot Corner Celebration takes place in early summer, followed by Athens' flagship event, the AthFest Music and Arts Festival, which has been moved to late September this year. In fall, the North Georgia Folk Festival livens Sandy Creek Park, LatinxFest fills downtown with performances, Historic Athens PorchFest takes over neighborhoods and the Wild Rumpus Parade & Spectacle is a Halloween-time hoot.

### 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 serves nearby Watkinsville with summer camps and biannual "rockcitals."

### 5. There's an Athens Music Walk of Fame

The Athens Music Walk of Fame debuted in 2020 to honor the movers and shakers who helped place our town on the map as a musical destination, and new inductees are added every year. The walk recognizes honorees with bronze plaques that are embedded along a route that passes notable music venues. A mobile app offers additional sights and sounds associated with each honoree.

### 6. Tune In to Turn On

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

### 7. See Athens on the 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* (both free at [athensrising.com](http://athensrising.com)), which compile vignettes of DIY house shows, festivals, performance art, comedy, restaurants and other interesting local organizations and independent businesses.

### 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 in and around Athens that perfect and preserve their work. Chase Park Transduction, The Glow Recording Studio, Pippen Studios, Full Moon Studio and several others stay busy year-round. Tweed Recording Audio Production School, a world-class facility located downtown, 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. Located inside of Lexington Vintage, The Record Booth is a hot spot for vintage vinyl and new arrivals every week. Shadebeast Records, which specializes in heavy metal, punk and noise, recently relocated to a new storefront on Chase Street, while Secret Sounds is operating a virtual storefront for the time being.

### 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 at *Flagpole* and what we do.



# Music Venues

## Athentic Brewing

108 Park Ave. • 706-850-6252 • [authenticbrewing.com](http://authenticbrewing.com)

The patio of this new Normaltown neighborhood brewery is a perfect spot for catching an early evening singer-songwriter, country act or hip-hop showcase.

## Boar's Head Lounge

260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040 • [instagram.com/boarsheadlounge](http://instagram.com/boarsheadlounge)

Weekly open-mic jams, plus rock, country and cover bands.

## The Classic Center

300 N. Thomas St. • 706-357-4444 • [classiccenter.com](http://classiccenter.com)

The theater, Grand Hall and 440 Foundry Pavilion host big-ticket touring acts.

## Creature Comforts Brewing Co.

271 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-410-1043 • [creaturecomfortsbeer.com](http://creaturecomfortsbeer.com)

Live music and DJs are a staple of the brewery's special events. Expect to hear creative acts.

## Flicker Theatre & Bar

263 W. Washington St. • 706-546-0039 • [flickertheatreandbar.com](http://flickertheatreandbar.com)

Hear a smartly booked selection of folk, indie, experimental and punk in the spiffed-up side room.

## 40 Watt Club

285 W. Washington St. • 706-549-7871 • [40watt.com](http://40watt.com)

The endearingly grungy 40 Watt is an Athens institution. Touring artists and locals share its halLOWed stage.

## The Foundry

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-389-5549 • [thefoundryathens.com](http://thefoundryathens.com)

Operated by the Graduate Athens hotel, the Foundry is a performance and event venue that leans towards country, jazz and tribute acts..

## Georgia Theatre

215 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-7670 • [georgiatheatre.com](http://georgiatheatre.com)

The downtown spot for trendy touring acts; the rooftop bar features live music and DJs from spring through fall.

## Genesis

1700 Commerce Road • 706-351-4174 • [facebook.com/genesisnightclubathens](http://facebook.com/genesisnightclubathens)

Athens' closest thing to a big-city nightclub, featuring hip hop, DJs, Latin music and more.

## Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050 • [hendershotscoffee.com](http://hendershotscoffee.com)

A welcoming java joint and pub known for dinner shows, open mic nights and more.

## The Lewis Room

131 E. Clayton St. • [thelewisroom@tweedrecording.com](mailto:thelewisroom@tweedrecording.com) • [facebook.com/thelewisroom](http://facebook.com/thelewisroom)

Operated by Tweed Recording, the Lewis Room offers a state-of-the-art space for live performances, virtual concerts and music industry nights.

## Little Kings Shuffle Club

223 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-369-3144 • [facebook.com/lkshuffleclub](http://facebook.com/lkshuffleclub)

DJs, karaoke, punk and Latin shows in a historic space, with a great patio for unwinding.

## Live Wire

227 W. Dougherty St. • 706-543-8283 • [livewireathens.com](http://livewireathens.com)

Occasional electronica, jazz, hip-hop and more at this state-of-the-art event space and venue.

## Morton Theatre

195 W. Washington St. • 706-613-3770 • [mortontheatre.com](http://mortontheatre.com)

The historic building carries on Hot Corner's legacy with gospel and soul.

## Nowhere Bar

240 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-546-4742 • [nowherebarlive.com](http://nowherebarlive.com)

Frequent local talent, with monthly series and a focus on blues, funk and rock.

## Rabbit Hole Studios

1001 Winterville Road • 762-499-4182 • [rabbitholestudios.org](http://rabbitholestudios.org)

In addition to offering space for recording, rehearsals and events, this collective community center hosts shows and open jams.

## The Root

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-395-6278 • [therootathens.com](http://therootathens.com)

Located below The Pine, this neighborhood basement bar has recently begun hosting live music.

## Sister Louisa's Church - It's a Glory Hole

254 W. Clayton St. • 706-850-3668 • [facebook.com/sisterlouisasgloryhole](http://facebook.com/sisterlouisasgloryhole)

A popular spot to catch drag performances, the bar intends to expand into live bands this year.

## Southern Brewing Company

231 Collins Industrial Blvd. • 706-548-7183 • [sobrewco.com](http://sobrewco.com)

With its large outdoor stage, Southern Brewing has taken the lead in hosting socially distanced concerts.

## Terrapin Beer Co.

265 Newton Bridge Road • 706-549-3377 • [terrapinbeer.com](http://terrapinbeer.com)

Terrapin's separately ticketed space showcases country, folk, jam, rock and more.

## UGA Performing Arts Center

230 River Road • 706-542-4400 • [pac.uga.edu](http://pac.uga.edu)

Classical performances from students and faculty, plus celebrated symphonies, world music and more.

## The Warehouse

346 E. Broad St. • [thewarehouseathens.com](http://thewarehouseathens.com)

Despite opening during the pandemic, this large capacity venue has hit the ground running.

## The World Famous

351 N. Hull St. • 706-543-4002 • [facebook.com/theworldfamousathens](http://facebook.com/theworldfamousathens)

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**Akademia Brewing Company**  
150 Crane Dr. • 678-726-2288 • [akademiabc.com](http://akademiabc.com)

Unique among Athens' local breweries, Akademia sports a full food menu seven days a week, including brunch. Located on Atlanta Highway near the mall, Akademia has ample space to spread out, both outside on its expansive patio and inside in a large, rentable event space capable of seating 100 people. If you're in a hurry, they've got crows to go, which you can fill up with anything on tap to enjoy later. Their beer selection is as diverse as ever, ranging from dark and bold with coffee stouts, winter warmers and barleywine brews, to light and refreshing with pale ales, fruited gose, lagers and pilsners—and standbys like Akademia Premium, an American lager, and IQ IPA.

**Athentic Brewing Company**  
108 Park Ave. • 706-206-2074 • [athenticbrewing.com](http://athenticbrewing.com)

One of Athens' newest breweries, Authentic is located in the historic Boulevard neighborhood. Designed from the beginning as a music venue, Authentic regularly hosts live music on its spacious patio, including hip-hop shows by Volumes and monthly drag shows by House of Femme. Among the regulars and depending on availability, you'll be able to pick from a variety of brews, including Escape Button, a tropical IPA, and "Money Beets", a Saison made with beets for fans of this root vegetable (and "The Office"). They even have a raspberry hard seltzer on tap.

**Creature Comforts Brewing Company**  
271 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-410-1043 • [creaturecomfortsbeer.com](http://creaturecomfortsbeer.com)

If you're a beer connoisseur in Athens, you already know that Creature Comforts has a convenient downtown location, a spacious and delightful patio

and some of the best beer in town, including their ever-popular Tropicália IPA. The brewery also hosts food trucks, along with art and music. New offerings include Eukaryote, a mixed-culture table Saison, and Culture Keepers, a balanced German-style Maibock. They also have a large selection of special offerings and limited releases sold in bottles.

**Normaltown Brewing Company**  
149 Oneta St. • 706-850-8996 • [facebook.com/Normaltownbrewingco](https://facebook.com/Normaltownbrewingco)

Nestled in a cozy corner of the Chase Street Warehouses in between Oneta and Tracy streets, Normaltown Brewing is the smallest of Athens' microbreweries. They continuously rotate their selections, with new beers coming available often. These include Elder Masters, a West Coast IPA; Summon the Fog, a New England IPA; and several choices from their Sun Tan fruited sour series. You can enjoy these brews on-site or take anything they've got home with you in a crowler.

**Southern Brewing Company**  
231 Collins Industrial Blvd. • 706-548-7183 • [sobrewco.com](http://sobrewco.com)

Most know Southern Brewing for its wide selection of delicious craft beers, including old favorites like Hobnail IPA, Red and Black fruited sour and Midnight Train porter, but did you know it's also a music venue? Head out to their five-acre yard to catch live performances or relax inside at the bar. 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](http://terrapinbeer.com)

In a warehouse on Newton Bridge Road with an indoor tasting room and a huge lawn, Athens' OG brewery hosts live music regularly and lots of annual events, weather permitting. The company has been making beer in Athens for almost 20 years. Sample old favorites like the sessionable Recreation Ale, Sound Czech pilsner or Hopsecutioner IPA. Seasonal beers coming available include Frenchy's Blues, a Berliner Weisse brewed with blueberries in collaboration with former Braves outfielder and current TV announcer Jeff Francoeur, and Peach Dreamsicle, a "peaches and cream" Imperial IPA. Both are available in cans you can take home with you.

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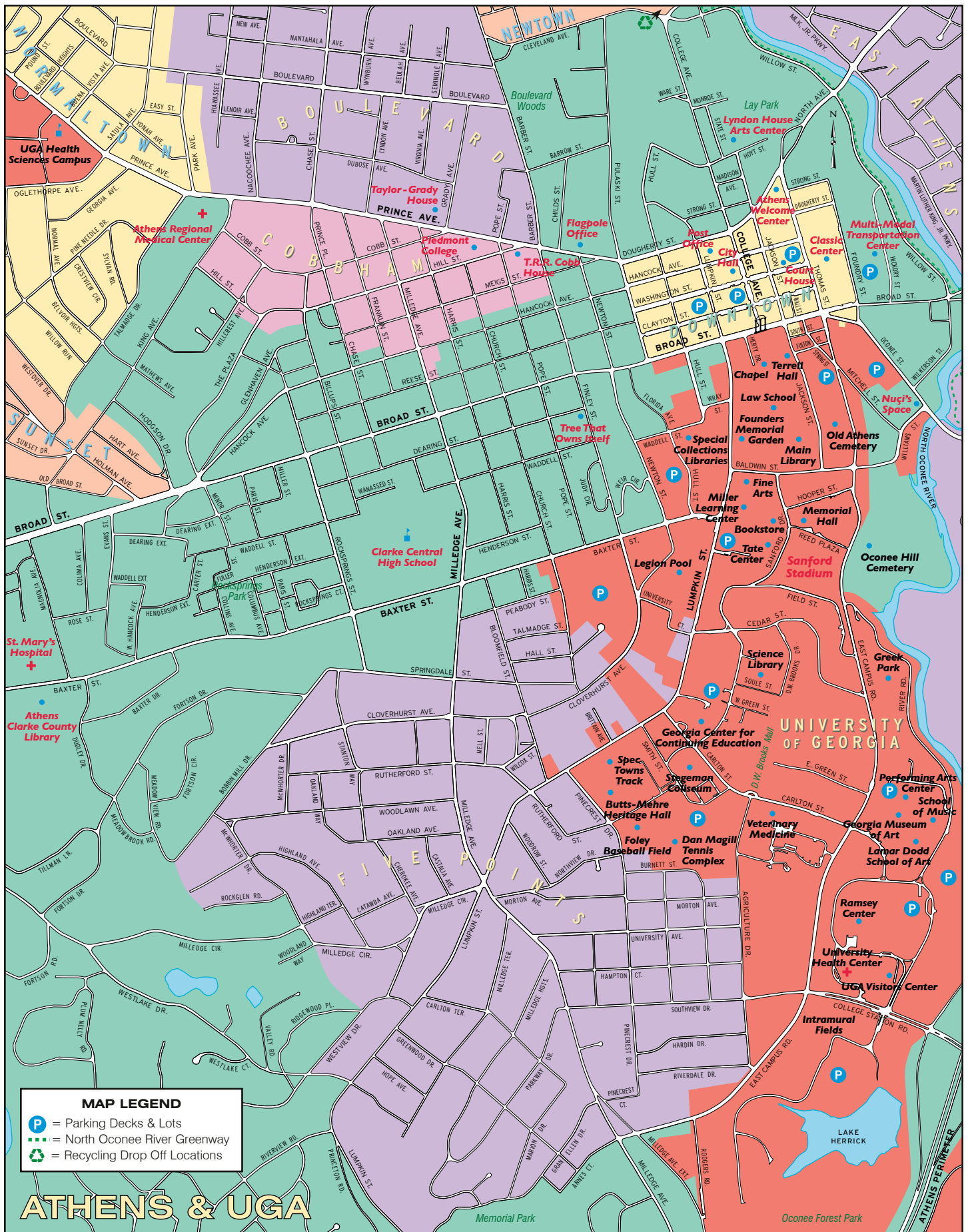
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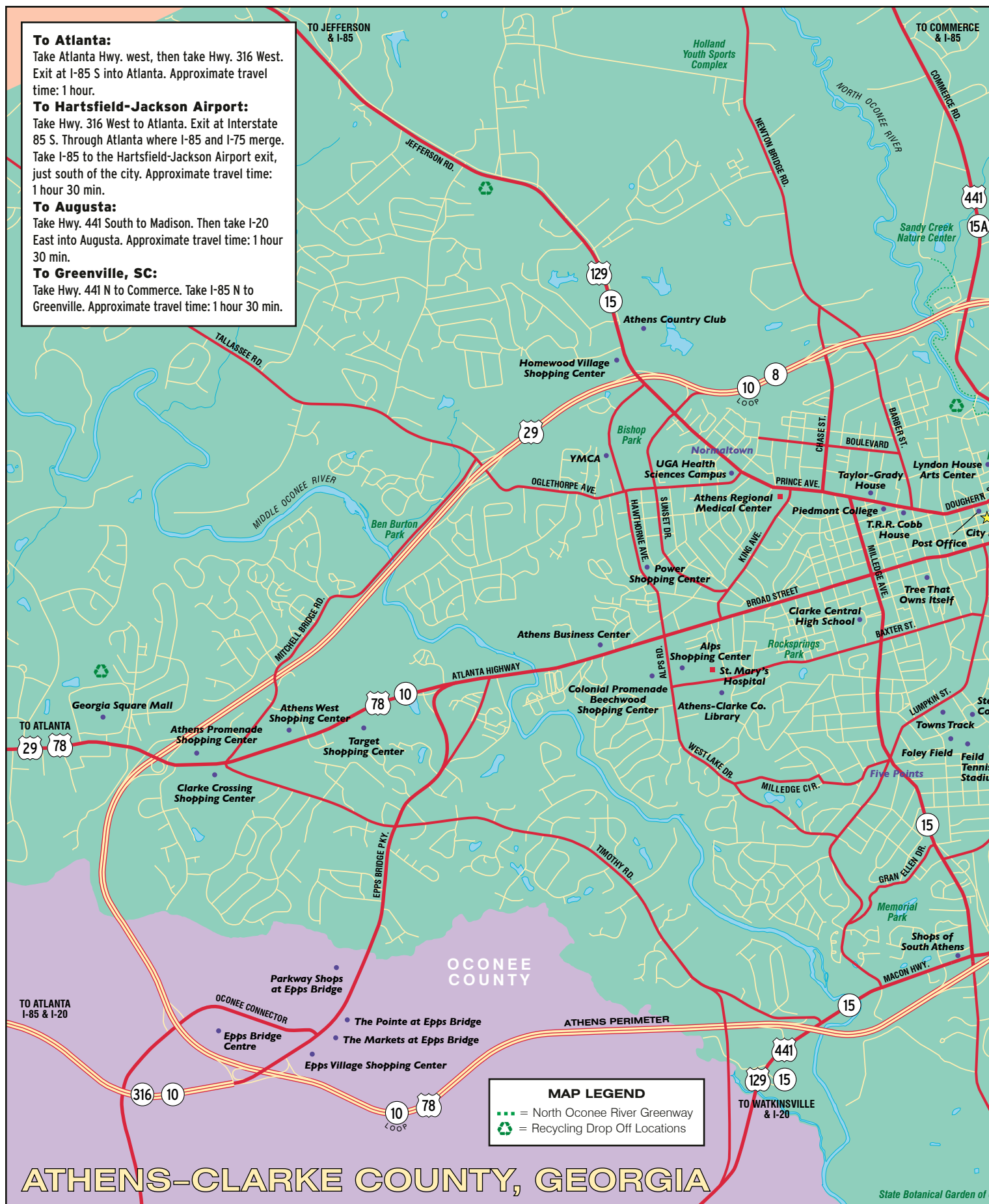
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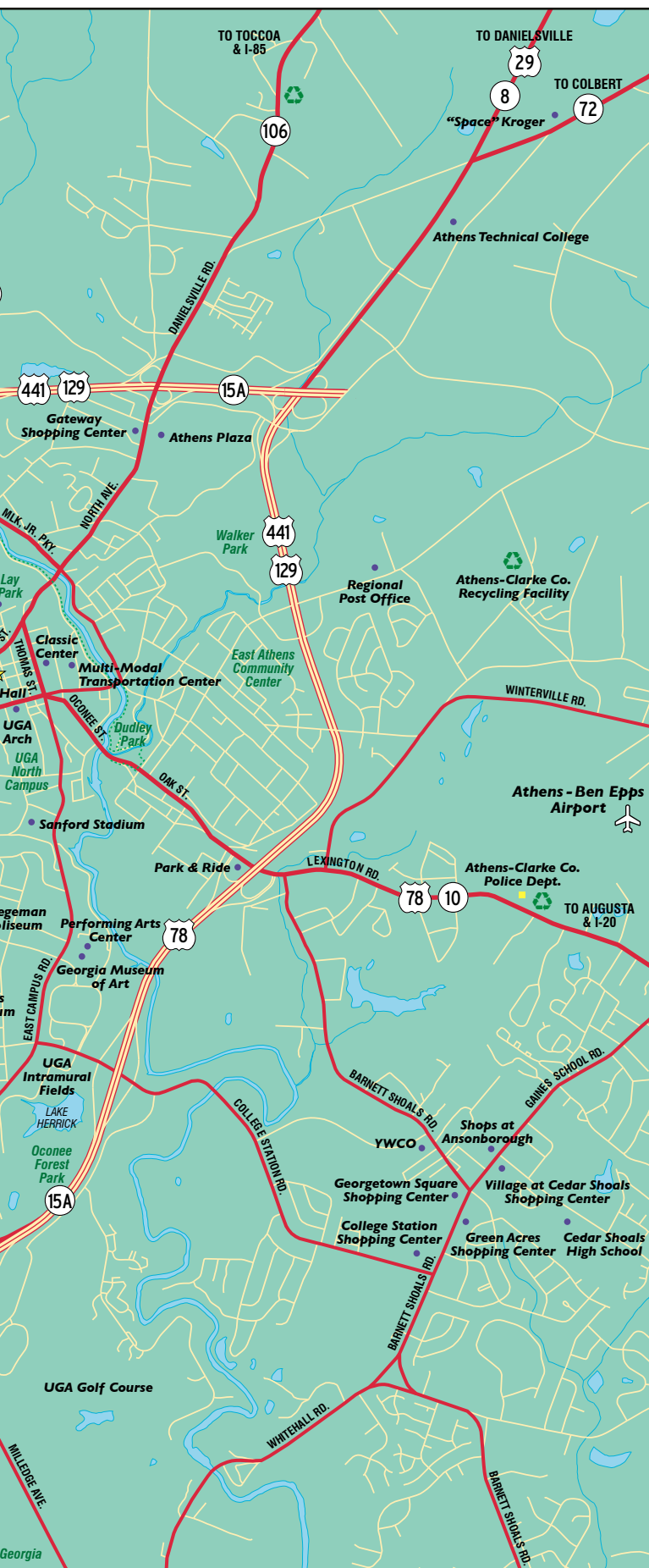
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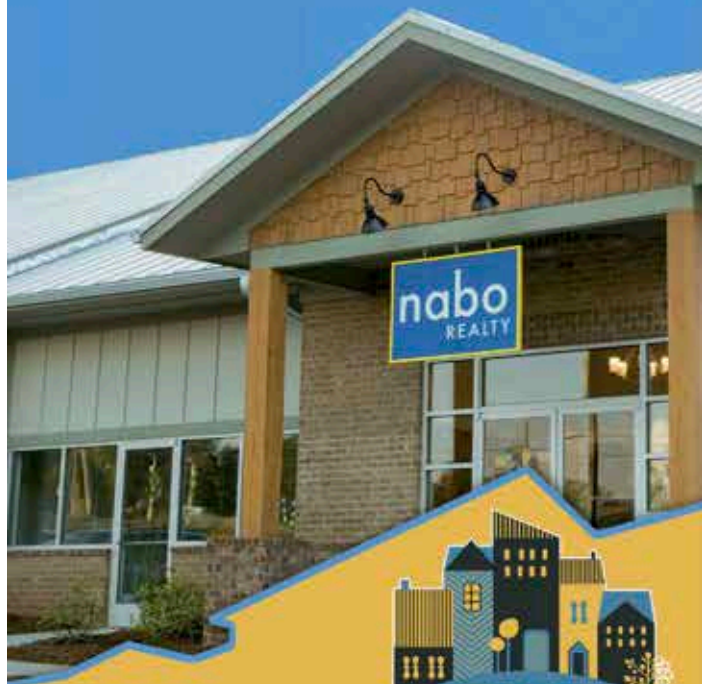
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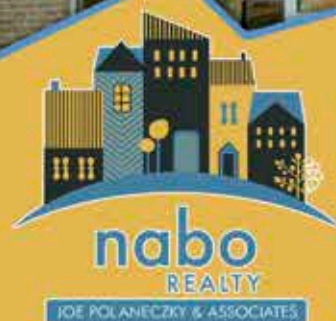
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# Restaurant & Bar Listings



## 1000 Faces Coffee

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

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses. **HOURS:** Seven days. • The coffee you're drinking is roasted in the same building, for maximum freshness, then brewed with serious care in a cup that will open up your mind. Also: tea, other drinks, bags of coffee, coffee accessories and light snacks. Coffees on offer change out frequently. \$

## The 11th Pin

555 Macon Hwy. • 706-548-1028  
11thpinathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Standard bowling alley food inside Showtime Bowl (chicken fingers, pizza, burgers, fries, pretzels, wings) but slightly nicer than average. Beers by the bucket include local and craft brews, or you can do hard seltzers in bulk. \$

## 1785 Bar & Grill

420 E. Clayton St. • (443) 579-5566  
1785athens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs. • Big college bar that gets its name from the year UGA was chartered. Also serves food (burgers, wings, tacos, nachos, loaded fries, salads). Margarita towers, pitchers of domestics. Poker Mondays, Taco Tuesdays, Wing Wednesdays. \$

## 9d's Bar

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

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs/live music. • College kids sweat it out on the dance floor to (mostly) '90s jams. Buy a tallboy, shot or mixed drink for dancing fuel. Also: Zima to go with the theme. \$

## Add Drug Store

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

**FILE UNDER:** American. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. **FEATURES:** Counter service. • Opened in 1961, this soda fountain and lunch counter inside a Five Points pharmacy hasn't changed much, even after a recent pharmacy renovation. Grab a stool, watch them make your fries and non-super-sized burgers. Real cherry and vanilla sodas, plus malts, milkshakes and floats. A serious bargain. \$

## Agua Linda Mexican Restaurant & Cantina

2080 Timothy Road • 706-543-0154  
1376 Prince Ave. • 706-543-1500  
facebook.com/agualindaathens

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and

dinner, seven days. • A mix of Americanized Mexican and more authentic stuff, which means it pleases everyone. Family atmosphere. Normaltown location renovation should be open by fall with a rooftop bar but is running a delicious food truck called La Carreta in the parking lot under a tent with fans. \$\$

## 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. • It's not fancy, but its poke is right on, with loads of topping choices (raw and cooked). Punch cards for repeat diners, vegetarian options, 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. Brunch. • Beer is the focus at this craft brewery that has a full restaurant. Beers (available in flights) featured in many dishes, and the menu goes beyond fried cheese to actual entrees (and flatbreads, burgers, seafood, pasta). \$\$\$

## Allgood Lounge

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

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Opens earlier than most bars. • Two floors plus a rooftop tiki bar and TVs. Hundreds of drink options, including a build-your-own bloody mary bar. Twenty rotating

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

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beers, 55 whiskeys, 18 tequilas and over 200 bottled beers, one of the best selections in town. \$

### Alumni Cookie Dough

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

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

### American Deli

239 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  
8851 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-1027  
amici-cafe.com

**FILE UNDER:** Pizza, Bars. **FEATURES:** Trivia, catering, outside seating, art, take-out, delivery, full bar, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Two options are nearby for this small chain: downtown Athens and on Macon Highway in the Falls of Oconee shopping center. Wings and pizza, with a wide variety of toppings, plus sandwiches, pasta, salads and soup. Good craft brews. \$\$

### Andy's Frozen Custard

2180 West Broad St.  
eatandys.com

**FILE UNDER:** Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter services. **HOURS:** • National franchise offers custard (ice cream), concretes (sort of like a Blizzard, blending custard and others treats), Jackhammers (the same but with a hot center), sundaes, banana splits, old-fashioned sodas and more. \$

### 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. Open studio time if you don't want a structured class. \$

### 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. Temporarily closed for renovations but watch for a reopening in the fall. \$

### Athens Pizza

2095 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-9292  
athenspizzas.com

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery. **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 à la carte. Moved across the street into the shopping center by Tallboy Beverages. \$\$

### Athens Wok

493 E. Clayton St. • 706-850-2695  
athenswokga.com

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

### Athentic Brewing Company

108 Park Ave. • 706-850-6252  
athenticbrewing.com

**FILE UNDER:** Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer, live music, comedy, trivia. • Athens' newest brewery is in the historic Boulevard neighborhood. Sixteen different taps, changing often, with sours, pilsners, wheat beers, ales, stouts, hard seltzer and more, plus a big patio that hosts events and food pop-ups. Queer trivia. \$

### Auntie's Home Cooking

645 Danielsville Road • 706-255-6198

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome. **FEATURES:** Debit cards, cash, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Small home-cooking place attached to a convenience store does classic Southern meat and veggie plates on weekends. Great cornbread dressing, mac and cheese, black-eyed peas, cabbage, fried chicken, baked ham and more. \$

### Automatic Pizza

1397 Prince Ave. • 706-850-2037  
autopizzaathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, delivery, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Big slices of New York-style pizza made in pans brushed with garlic oil, plus delish but not giant subs, salads and cannoli all with quality ingredients. Vegan-friendly + gluten-free options. \$\$

### Bad Moon

246 E. Clayton St.  
instagram.com/badmoonbar

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • Instagrammable, with lots of neon and a light-up dance floor, '90s music, karaoke. Choose from domestic and local standbys, or order a house specialty like the disco lemonade or 1.5-gallon Moscow mule. \$

### Bar South

104 E. Washington St. • 706-850-1329  
twitter.com/barsouth\_athens

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

### 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 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  
1180 Prince Ave. • 706-850-1701  
barberitos.com

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer (Clayton St.), catering, outside seating, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Locally owned burrito chain has expanded throughout the Southeast but remains Athens-y; new Prince Avenue location near the hospital is open. Serves health-oriented Mexican-ish fare, highlighting low-fat options. Everything is customizable to your taste/dietary needs: burritos, quesadillas, fajitas, tacos, nachos and salads, lots of veggies; vegetarian and vegan options. \$

### Barnes and Noble Café

3650 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-354-1195  
barnesandnoble.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Wi-Fi. \$

### Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts

771 Prince Ave. • 706-548-3444  
2081 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-8363  
1045 Gaines School Road • 706-353-7166  
1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-546-1635

935 Highway 29 N. • 706-548-6338  
dunkindonuts.com

**FILE UNDER:** Ice Cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, Wi-Fi, counter service. • Prince Avenue, Epps Bridge Parkway, and Highway 29 locations are Dunkin' Donuts only. \$

### Bee's Knees Bakery & Gifts

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-3633  
beeskneesbakeryandgifts.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bakeries, Sandwiches, Delivery. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service. • Hooray for non-chain cupcakes! This bakery does those every day plus custom cakes, cookies, cake pops, gooey bars and box lunches with a sandwich, cheese straws and a cupcake. \$

### Beef 'O' Brady's

1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-1916  
beefobradys.com

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

### Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop

105 College Ave. • 706-208-0031  
benjerry.com/athens

**FILE UNDER:** Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, counter service. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

### Big City Bread Cafe

393 N. Finley Street • 706-353-0029  
bigcitybreadcafe.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bakeries, Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Long-time Athens favorite has a great patio and lots of things on the somewhat French-accented menu that use the bread it bakes in-house. Biscuits, French toast, continental breakfast, omelets, great sandwiches, quiche, soups, burgers, small but good selection of beer and wine (plus things like pineapple cider). Baked goods galore, including for special order. \$\$



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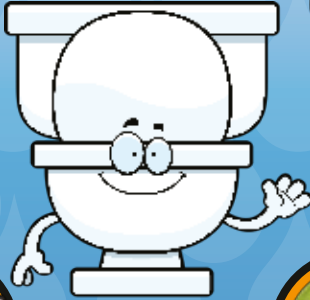
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### Billy Meadow's Station

6729 Hwy. 72, Colbert • 706-788-3517

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take out, counter service. • Old-school hot doggerly makes a steamed dog with coleslaw on a toasted bun like no other. Also grilled cheese, corned beef and chicken salad. \$

### Birrieria & Taqueria Jalisco

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

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

### Biscuit 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. \$

### Bitty and Beau's Coffee

1540 Lumpkin St.

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses. • This coffee shop out of Wilmington, North Carolina, employs people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and serves a range of coffee and espresso drinks. \$

### Blazer's-N-Hull

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

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take-out, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Wings and chicken fingers to go, with 13 different sauces. Also: burgers, corn dogs, meaty salads, onion rings, fries and fried apple pies. Other locations are in Satham, Lexington, Commerce, Elberton, Hartwell and Royston. \$

### Blind Pig Tavern

312 E. Washington St. • 706-548-3442

2440 W. Broad St. • 706-208-7979

2301 College Station Road • 706-850-4919

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

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, trivia, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. • Long-time Athens sports bar with a big menu and lots of vegetarian choices; New Orleans specials on Tuesday. Beer on tap and in bottles, including local brews. Standard cocktails plus a bloody mary bar on Saturday and Sunday. Newest location is in Watkinsville, with a big lawn. \$\$

### Blue Sky

128 College Ave. • 706-850-3153

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

### Boar's Head Lounge

260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. • Big, divey, 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

**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. \$

### Brett's Casual American Restaurant

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-1395

**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, curbside pick-up, catering, outside seating, delivery, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Family-oriented restaurant with a huge menu, great deals on kids' meals (\$2 specials Mondays and Tuesdays) and something for everyone, including celiac folks. Big salads, fried apps, tacos, burgers, grilled seafood and more. \$\$

### Bruster's Real Ice Cream

1029 Parkway Pl. • 706-850-1249

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

### Bubble Café

247 E. Broad St. • 706-355-3002

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Bubble tea, of course, in a wide variety of flavors (almond milk for the lactose intolerant; milk teas, fruit teas, smoothies, cloud cream, matcha), but also snacks, dumplings, good soups, rice and poke bowls and more. \$

### Buddha Bar

431 E. Broad St. • 404-271-8440

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. • Less zen, more sake bombs that involve pounding on the table to make the shot fall into the drink. Skee-Ball in the back, lychee martinis, shots and beer. Lots of sports. \$

### Bulldawg Pizza, Wings & More

2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-355-3294

**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

**FILE UNDER:** American, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Take-out, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. • This restaurant inside 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. Breakfast available for pickup weekdays in front of the hotel. \$

### Butt Hutt Bar-B-Q

480 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8511

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, catering, outside seating, delivery, trivia, karaoke. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Half bar, half barbecue restaurant but make the

food actually good. Pulled pork and ribs pass muster. Sides like chicken mull, corn nuggets, fried okra, meat skins and a meaty potato salad are legit. \$\$

### Buvez

585 Barber St. • 706-850-0172

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars, Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Full bar, counter service, full bar, outside seating, Wi-Fi, comedy. • European-style cafe with a light menu (pre-made sandwiches, pastries, snacks at \$1 a scoop, snoballs, including boozy ones) and a lot of different beverages: coffee, tea, cool sodas, craft cocktails, wine, beer and aperitifs. \$

### Cabin Creek BBQ

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

**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

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out, outside seating, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea; weekend brunch. • Breakfast all day (until 6 p.m.), with pastries, burritos, tacos, sandwiches; classic sandwiches, soups and salads at lunch; several different types of tea service with scones, clotted cream, tea sandwiches; and then snacks and light drinks in the early evening. Kids menu. \$\$

### Cafe Racer Coffee + Donuts

3 Arnoldsville Rd., Crawford • 706-899-0210

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, pick-up. **HOURS:** Breakfast and Thursday night dinner. • This itty-bitty drive-up donut stand in Arnoldsville/Crawford does intense donuts, real good coffee, biscuits piled with good ingredients, breakfast tacos and, on Thursday evenings, sloppy burgers. Watch its social media for details on specials and changes to hours. \$

### Cali 'N' Tito's

1254 Cedar Shoals Dr. • 706-355-7087

1427 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-227-9979

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, beer, wine and margaritas (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 is bigger and full of quarter-operated kiddie rides. Lumpkin has a small fee to BYOB and now accepts credit cards (hallelujah!). Westside location is in the works. \$\$

### Carrabba's Italian Grill

3194 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-9938

**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

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. • All-you-can-eat Southern-style cooking off the buffet, featuring Fish Fridays and BBQ Saturdays. 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 hashtag-happy gastropub boasts “people hate us on Yelp” and plays fast and loose with flavors like sriracha and blue cheese. Good beer selection, regular specials, street tacos, lots of fusion. \$\$

### Cava Mediterranean

145 Alps Road

cava.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, drive-thru, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Opening in the former Zoë’s Kitchen is this national franchise with a similar emphasis: customizable salads and grain bowls. Add-ons include lamb, meatballs, harissa honey chicken, sweet potatoes, eggplant dip, tzatziki and more. Get it as a pita or on top of Rightrice, a grain made from lentils, chickpeas and peas. \$

### Cecilia’s Cake Shop

610 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-3308

ceciliascakeshop.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering. • Long-time Athens bakery has a new owner and has added cupcakes and cookies. Cakes made 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. \$\$

### Celia’s Bakery

9029 Hwy. 29 S., Hull • 706-850-2021

facebook.com/celiasbakeryga

**FILE UNDER:** Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Wed–Mon. • Pan dulces, savory breads, light and sweet cakes (whole and by the slice), coffee and more, all well priced and nicely made. \$

### 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. \$

### 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 Oconee Connector • 706-353-0217

cheddars.com

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

### Chef Ming

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-552-3233

chefmingathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Better and healthier-than-average strip-mall Chinese, focusing on Cantonese standards. Hot pot, seafood, Singapore noodles, roast duck and lunch specials. \$\$

### Chili’s Grill & Bar

183 Alps Road • 706-613-5405

chilis.com

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

### China 1

2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-7788

chinaoneathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Mostly to-go food, available fast, but a better selection than your standard stir-fry eatery: lo mein, pancit, teriyaki, sweet and sour, moo shu and meat entrees, egg foo young, soups, 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. • Large buffet with many Chinese, American and Japanese dishes, including crab legs sometimes. You can also order off the menu of mostly Americanized Chinese standards or get 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 meals. \$

### 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

choochoojapanesekoreanexpress.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and sake, delivery, trivia, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. • 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, Sunday brunch, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Although the name prioritizes beer and meats, there’s more to this Watkinsville restaurant. Tap takeovers, lots of fresh vegetables (including entrees that are more than a grilled medley), burgers (beef and impossible), lots of gluten-free choices and kids menu. \$\$\$

### Chuck E. Cheese’s

3654 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-8070

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. • Destin may not say “real sushi” to you, but you’d be surprised! Chuck’s has a few other locations, all making use of Florida seafood, whether bronzed and served with roasted mango salsa and rice pilaf or wrapped up with sushi rice in a fancy roll. Stuff for non-seafood eaters, too. Signature cocktails with sake or Japanese whiskey as well as standards. Big for date night. \$\$\$

### Cici’s Pizza

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-2424

cicis.com

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

### Ciné

234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343

athenscine.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, movies, art. • Yes, it’s a movie theater, with a wide variety of indie flicks and classics on its two screens, but you can also go hang out in the bar and drink movie-themed cocktails or good beer, wine and liquor. Coffee, tea, sodas, local baked goods and fresh-popped popcorn, plus an art gallery run by ATHICA. \$

### City Bar

220 College Ave.

instagram.com/citybarath\_

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

### Clarke’s Collective

225 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-5152

clarkes-athens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars/Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. • Former half bar, half restaurant is soon to be all bar, calling itself a “captivating space for spirits and socializing.” \$\$

### Classic City Eats

1290 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-705-6434

classicciteyeats.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Saturday brunch. • This fried chicken and barbecue restaurant moved from Baxter Street to Oconee County and now has a more open space with an arcade. Wings, catfish, sliders, flatbreads and a bunch of fried snacks. Bar has draft, canned and bottled beer plus makes beachy drinks. \$\$

### Clocked!

259 W. Washington St. • 706-548-9175

clockeddiner.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Local favorite balances meaty burgers (made with all-natural, humanely raised, antibiotic-free beef and creative toppings: bacon jam, peanut butter, gouda, etc.) with vegetarian and vegan offerings, both burgers and otherwise. Also: grilled cheese, tater tots and milkshakes (including boozy ones). Gluten-free options and a big patio. \$\$

**Clocked!**

### Cloud

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-7771

facebook.com/cloudathensga

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

### Coconut Pat’s

120 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-9800

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. • Filling the need for a tiki bar in Athens, with loads of nautical decor,





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this bar is inside Cutters Pub and specializes in drinks served out of a fresh pineapple. \$

### 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 that is always playing around with flavors and new options: truffles, chocolate bars, coffee bars and more, plus drinking chocolate, coffee, gelato, ice cream sandwiches, toffee, etc. Vegan options. \$

### Condor Chocolates Factory

160 E. Washington St.

condorchocolates.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses, Something Different. • Coming to downtown Athens late summer/early fall 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

instagram.com/cozybar179

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, live music. • Itty-bitty space on a side street downtown, with paper lanterns and flowers on tables, gets rowdy and crowded. Food is sometimes available. Domestic, Asian beers, wine and liquor (especially sake bombs). \$

### The Crab Hut

2361 W. Broad St. • 706-850-6173

1860 S. Barnett Shoals Rd • 706-850-0762

thecrabhutgeorgia.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, takeout. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Not fancy and you'll definitely need a serious napkin, but this Viet-Cajun fusion does tasty boil-in-bag seafood (crawfish, shrimp, mussels, crab legs and more) with plenty of spice as well as fried baskets, salmon and shrimp burgers, corn, hushpuppies, coleslaw and wings. Draft and bottled beer, plus wine. \$\$\$

### Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

1913 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-208-0304

crackerbarrel.com

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

### Cravings

480 E. Broad St. • 706-850-0049

facebook.com/cravingsofathens

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses, Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch. • Low-key downtown restaurant does deli sandwiches, kids' meals, signature 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. • One of the most Instagrammed spaces in Athens in a reclaimed tire shop with indoor and outdoor seating, pretty lighting and lots of art. Popular year-round offerings include Tropicalia, Athena and Classic City Lager, but there are lots of seasonal and limited-edition beers too. Purchase cans, bottles and merch on-site to take home. \$

### Cutters Pub

120 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-9800

facebook.com/cutterspubathens

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • One of the largest bars in town, with a more

grown-up, less college-heavy crowd than many bars around it. Pool, Skee-Ball, Golden Tee, foosball, darts, a photo booth and football on TV. Huge whiskey selection, befitting its Irish branding, Guinness on tap. \$

### D.P. Dough

180 W. Broad St. • 706-842-2828

dpdough.com

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

### D92 Korean BBQ

1080 Baxter St. • 706-850-7990

www.d92kbbq.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Something Different. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Grilled meats (mostly beef, pork and chicken) cooked on your table with cheese, corn and eggs, either in pre-set portion sizes or all-you-can-eat, plus banchan (free snacks that vary frequently). Also: vegetarian options, Korean ramen, kimchi stew. Japanese whiskey, shōchū 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, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Cheerful, family-owned barbecue joint that does ribs, chicken, pork and sausage, plus southern-style veggies (available in small, medium and large) and fruit cobbles. Picnic tables out front plus seating inside. \$\$

### 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. • This Athens favorite has been in business for 33 years doing classic Italian, from pizza and standard red-sauced pasta to eggplant florentine and grilled salmon. Each location has a slightly different menu, but all have vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten-free options; kids menu. Long wine list with many Italian reds and plenty of beers. \$\$\$

### Ding Tea

125 W. Washington St. • 706-850-3737

dingteaathens.kwickmenu.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Taiwanese tea shop chain with many international locations. Milk tea, fruit tea, slushies, juice, coffee, yakult/yogurt drinks, boba, hot tea and lattes, plus snacks like macarons in a rainbow of colors and flavors, salted egg chips and boba ice cream. \$

### Dinner Party

1664 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-215-9100

dinnerpartyathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, vegetarian friendly, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Americanized Chinese food but they make it fancy. Excellent vegetarian and vegan options, including a gorgeous salad and dry-fried eggplant that will tingle your lips. Excellent ice creams made in-house for dessert. Fun, intelligently picked and described wine list; a few nice beers; fancy cocktails that can be a little retro. \$\$

### Dominick's Italian

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

dominickswatkinsville.com

**FILE UNDER:** Italian. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, full bar, reservations, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. • Family-style upscale Italian in small chain offering pastas, eggplant parmigiana, stuffed pork chops, chicken saltimbocca and steaks, most available in full or half servings, both of which are quite large. Big wine list, Italian margaritas, beers, regular wine dinners. \$\$\$

### Donderos' Kitchen

590 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-354-8688

donderoskitchen.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. Weekend brunch. • Something for everyone: brunchy-lunchy hot food made to order until 2 p.m., with lots of veggies; stuff in the fridge and freezer any other time, plus delivery meals and lots of weekly specials, ranging all over the world in influences. Holiday special orders. Walkers, bikers and bus riders get a 5 percent discount. Great with dietary restrictions. \$\$

### 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, fajitas, quesadillas, big burritos, enchiladas, queso, fish tacos, fried ice cream. Margaritas, lots of tequilas. \$\$\$

### Double Barrel

429 E. Broad St.

instagram.com/doublebarrelathens

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. • A college bar named for Athens' famous non-working piece of Confederate memorabilia. TVs to watch sports and low prices (a wheel of deals). What you'd expect for drinks plus a cocktail named for UGA grad golfer Bubba Watson. \$

### Doughby's Pizza and More

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

facebook.com/doughbypizza

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, take-out, trivia, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Community-involved pizza place with lots of events has a big menu with fried apps, wings, salads, subs, wraps, a wide selection of pastas, Italian desserts and big, good garlic rolls as well as pizza. Large covered patio, karaoke. \$

### 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. • Hot bar inside grocery store includes veggie and vegan stuff, plus chicken, fish, soup and salad. \$\$

### Eddie's Calzones

227 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9676

eddiescalzones.com

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

### El Azteca

430 E. Clayton St. • 706-850-6950

elaztecaatlanta.com/athens

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • In between super-



authentic (the al pastor does include pineapple) and Tex Mex (chimichangas), with soft tacos, lots of dips, taco salad, combos and the like. Known for margaritas, including ones made with vodka if tequila isn't your thing. \$

### El Bajío Restaurant and Taqueria

400 Hawthorne Ave., Ste. • 706-850-1191

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Takeout. • An offshoot of the grocery store on Old Commerce Road, likely to serve real-deal tacos, caldos on weekends and the like. \$

### 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. • Most of the restaurant is outside, and the lawn is often busy with a Five Points crowd. Tacos (including veggie and vegan choices) that change out regularly, plus other Mexican-ish standards, kids menu and a serious bar with lots of tequilas, a selection of mezcals, beer buckets and build-your-own margs. \$\$\$

### Em's Kitchen

975 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-206-9322

emskitchenathawthorne.com



**FILE UNDER:** American, Bakeries.

**FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Family-run eatery inside Hawthorne Drugs does a surprisingly good Cuban sandwich as well as other

southern lunch standards (pimento cheese and the like), plus breakfast plates, milkshakes, hot dogs and more. Kids menu and a super family-friendly atmosphere. \$

### The Expat

1680 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-521-5041

theexpatathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly.

**FEATURES:** Reservations, outside seating, take-out, full bar. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Refined and intelligent restaurant with a beauteous bar has shifted to an Italian menu, with anitpasti, burrata, housemade pasta, risotto and more. Offerings change regularly. Virgin cocktails made with as much love as the boozy ones, plus nice wines. \$\$\$\$

### 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. • Primarily biscuits, served all day, but not just traditional egg and cheese varieties. Nice ingredients like housemade pickles and jam. 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. • 706-850-3339

figmentkombucha.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out. • Small-batch kombucha made with high-quality local ingredients, available on tap, canned or by the growler (half or full), plus a rotating selection of fermented goods, like ketchup, giardiniera and various krauts. Specific flavors change regularly. Table seating available. \$

### Firehouse Subs

1226 Prince Ave. • 706-357-4994

firehousesubs.com

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

### Five & Ten

1073 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-546-7300

fiveandten.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations, catering, outside seating, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Celebrity chef Hugh Acheson's flagship restaurant, in a historic house on Milledge Avenue with a big covered porch. The menu is southern-ish, with peaches, cornmeal-fried trout and Sea Island red pea hummus, but up to date, changing weekly depending on what's in season. Wine list by James Beard nominee; unpretentious but smart cocktails; excellent after-dinner drinks. Look out for specials, including picnic stuff during football season. \$\$\$\$

### 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, weekend brunch. • Five entrees, five desserts, five apps and so on. Seafood from Destin is a point of emphasis, but you can also get a ribeye or fried chicken. Jazz brunch on weekends. Five specialty cocktails from the bar. \$\$\$

### 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. • 706-543-9343

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, both on special and just regularly. \$

### 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. • The name comes from the flickering light of a movie projector, and you'll find cult film nights here, cool movie posters and fun drinks at this chill townie bar. Also: boozy slushies, retro cocktails, mocktails, local tea, snacks (Pouch Pies' savory pies and more). \$

### The Flying Biscuit Café

1180 Prince Ave. • 706-850-5656

flyingbiscuit.com

**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Vegetarian friendly, outside seating, take-out, catering, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and weekend dinner. • Atlanta franchise

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### Food for the Soul

1965 W. Broad St. • 706-546-0052

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch. • Real-deal southern food, available in meat-and-three combos. Menu changes daily but could include pork chops, fried chicken livers, catfish, greens, yams, black-eyed peas, mac and cheese and more. **\$**

### The Foundry

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-549-7051

thefoundryathens.com  
**FILE UNDER:** American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Live music, catering, outside seating, reservations, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Dinner. Restaurant located at the Graduate Hotel. Burgers, wings, salads and more. Reopening in the fall. **\$\$**

### 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. **\$**

### Fox's Pizza Den

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

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

### Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers

2050 Oconee Connector • 706-354-0671

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

### Fresh Air Bar-B-Que

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

1110 Hull Road • 706-546-6060  
freshairbbq.com

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Both locations have classics like chopped pork and chicken, Brunswick stew, baked beans, chicken tenders and banana pudding. Kids menu, tailgating specials, meats and sides in bulk. **\$**

### Frutta Bowls

245 Oconee St. • 706-514-0060

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

### Fully Loaded Pizza Co.

1260 Mars Hill Road Ste. 101, Watkinsville • 706-705-6150

1255 South Milledge Ave. • 706-215-9348  
fullyloaded.pizza  
**FILE UNDER:** Italian And Pizza. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, take-out, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Locally owned pizza place that focuses on big slices that are, indeed, loaded with a wide variety of toppings. Also: wings, salads, subs, pasta, chicken fingers, cannoli, fried pickles and the Redneck Stromboli (a hot dog and cheddar baked in pizza dough). Kids menu. **\$**

### Fuzzy's Taco Shop

265 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-0305

fuzzystacoshop.com  
**FILE UNDER:** Mexican, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **\$**

### G Brand BBQ

1140 Athens Road, Crawford • 706-743-7000

https://gbrandbbq.com/  
**FILE UNDER:** BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take out, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Downtown Crawford eatery prides itself on brisket but also offers pork, chicken and ribs. Five different sauces, great green beans among the sides and a kids menu that offers grilled cheese or a hot dog. Occasional steak nights. **\$\$\$**

### The Garden Grille

390 E. Washington St. • 706-353-6800

hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com  
**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, buffet, catering, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and dinner. • The Hilton Garden Inn's restaurant does American staples: steaks, burgers, pasta, salads and the like, plus standard breakfast offerings. **\$**

### General Beauregard's

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-543-8201

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

### Genesis

1700 Commerce Road • 706-318-7614

facebook.com/genesisnightclubathens  
**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs/live music. • Event space/nightclub off the beaten path, with live music, boxing, dance nights, hookah, big dance floor and more. **\$**

### George's Lowcountry Table

420 Macon Hwy. • 706-548-3359

georgelowcountrytable.com  
**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, reservations, outside seating, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Dinner, Tues–Sun. Sunday brunch. • Gulf and low country classics: étouffée, shrimp and grits, sherry crab bisque, oysters (raw, fried, grilled), jambalaya, redfish and more, much available at dinner and brunch. Good wine list from all over, beer and Southern-accented cocktails. **\$\$\$**

### Girasoles

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

facebook.com/girasolessfusioncuisine  
**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Dinner and Sunday brunch. • Mexican-accented fusion restaurant does a not inexpensive but very popular all-you-can-eat brunch (with waffle and omelet station), plus dinner with steaks, seafood, pasta, jambalaya, shrimp and grits, escargot, chicken in a roasted garlic mushroom cheese sauce and more along the same lines. Weekly specials. **\$\$\$**

### 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, reopening this fall. (Continue to check social media for further details.) **\$**

### Golden Dragon

126 Alps Road • 706-552-1688

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



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- Tons of standard Americanized Chinese options, including duck, seafood and some good tofu options. Dragon Dinners feature combinations of dishes for two to 10 people. Online ordering. \$\$

### Golden Sun Chinese Restaurant

4375 Lexington Road • 706-549-3388

goldensuninathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Countless classic options, loads of chef's specials and lunch specials. A lighter fare section offers steamed MSG-free meals low in sodium; lots of tofu choices. \$\$

### The Grill

171 College Ave. • 706-543-4770

www.thegrillathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night. • Not open 24 hours anymore, but 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily isn't bad! Coffee, burgers, fries, vegetarian options, eggs, pancakes, French toast and classic milkshakes. Cute vintage toys enliven the diner interior. \$

### Grindhouse Killer Burgers

1553 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-612-9327

grindhouseburgers.com



**FILE UNDER:** Burgers, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, counter service, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Small chain based in Atlanta does smallish flat burgers (beef, turkey, beans and quinoa, or Impossible Burger) plus bar snacks, fried sides and boozy and virgin milkshakes. Nice upstairs outdoor seating. \$\$

### The Grit

199 Prince Ave. • 706-543-6592

thegrit.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Weekend brunch. • An Athens classic for decades, with an embarrassment of riches for vegetarians, vegans and the gluten-free crowd. The chalkboard lists daily veggie choices, while the menu

has Golden Bowl (brown rice topped with veggies, tofu, cheese and more), chili, noodles, sandwiches, etc. Weekend breakfast/brunch brings burritos, pancakes and omelets. Excellent cakes and pies that can be ordered whole (with advance notice) or by the slice. \$\$

### Groove Burgers

1791 Oconee Connector • 762-499-5699

grooveburgers.com

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

### Gusto

161 Alps Road

whatsyourgusto.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, drive-thru, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Small Atlanta chain is opening its first Athens location in late 2021, where Inoko used to be. Fast-casual menu involves build-your-own bowls, salads and wraps with a protein and various other fixin's. Kids menu. \$

### Gyro Wrap

114 College Ave.

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Long-time Athens franchise with its own identity looks to be returning to downtown this year in a new location. Curly fries, gyros, salads, etc. Same menu as previous location. \$

### 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 also makes cold salads (pasta, farro, slaw) and soup. A huge array of cheeses, meats, nice wines and to go sandwiches. \$

### Heirloom Cafe and Fresh Market

815 N. Chase St. • 706-354-7901

heirloomathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly.

**FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi, curbside pick-up, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Weekend brunch.

• Neighborhood restaurant focusing on local produce with a seasonally driven menu that changes often. Very accommodating of diet restrictions and preferences. Seasonal artisan cocktails with ingredients like honeysuckle vodka and Pataca ginger liqueur. Good wines and beers. Large patio. \$\$\$



### Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050

hendershotscoffee.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, live music, art, Wi-Fi, outside seating. **HOURS:** Open seven days. • Coffee drinks, nitro coffee, teas and juices all day, plus baked goods from Independent. Lots of draft and bottled/canned craft beers, plus wine, craft cocktails and mocktails (some made with coffee). \$

### Hi-Lo Lounge

1354 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8561

hiloathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Family-friendly tavern does lots of food (with a kajillion vegetarian and vegan options) but is also absolutely a serious bar. Noodles, fish and chips, chili, hot dogs, fried cheese. Excellent beer selection; also whiskeys, classic cocktails and juice for kids. \$

### Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet

2020 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-8777

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**FILE UNDER:** Asian. **FEATURES:** Buffet, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Huge Asian buffet also does hibachi cooked to order. Tofu, Chinese dishes, sushi, American food, fruit, salad and desserts spread across the room. Open most holidays. \$\$

### 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, dinner and





Sunday brunch. • Country club-ish place does classic American food with a bit of a Southern accent, like meatloaf, steak sandwich, crab cakes and gumbo. A fair amount of fried stuff but salads too. Big desserts. Nice patio. Earlybird specials. \$\$\$

### Hodgson's Pharmacy

1260 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-7386

hodgsonsr.com

**FILE UNDER:** Ice Cream. • Old-fashioned drug store with soda fountain counter. Dollar scoops of Edy's ice cream in a cup or cone. Malts, shakes and floats, too. Sit on the hill outside for the best experience. \$

### home.made

1072 Baxter St. • 706-206-9216

homemadethens.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, take-out, full bar. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Refined, Southern-inspired menu experiments all the time, creating things like fig leaf bruléed burrata and kudzu lemonade. Lots of vegetables, including the amazing tomato pie, and a good bit of New Orleans influence. You can also buy casseroles, sides, snacks and take-away meals. Bright cocktails, good wine list and beer selection. \$\$\$

### HoneyBaked Ham Co. & Café

3690 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-8800

honeybaked.com

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

### Hook and Reel

3640 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-2010

hookreel.com

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

### Hybar

412 N. Thomas St. • 706-425-1800

facebook.com/hybarathens

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, dinner, outside seating. • Fancy rooftop bar with great views of downtown Athens and beyond, atop the Hyatt Place hotel. Also: some snacks (charcuterie, dips, wings) and some heartier eats (burger, fried chicken strips, salad). Specialty cocktails, including some made with champagne and billed as Hybar Pops. \$

### Ideal Bagel

815 W. Broad St. • 706-353-0005

facebook.com/idealbagel

**FILE UNDER:** Bakeries, Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • 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 (capicola, roast beef, etc.) but also hummus, roasted veggies, sauerkraut and scrambled eggs. Kids meals. \$

### Independent Baking Co.

1625 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-650-3550

independentbaking.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. • Consistently delicious bread made by bread nerds with house-milled wheat. Also: delightful viennoiserie. No buttercream to be found, just good ingredients and an emphasis on proper technique. Choco Coffee and hot chocolate. Products available at a few other places around town. \$

### Inoko Express

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-425-8828

**FILE UNDER:** Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Quick-service hibachi includes steak, chicken, shrimp, salmon, tofu and "Ultimate Vegetarian" with fried rice, vegetables and two sauces. \$

### Inoko Hibachi Express

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

inokoathens.com

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

### Insomnia Cookies

228 E. Clayton St. • 706-623-6277

insomniacookies.com

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

### International Grill and Bar

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

facebook.com/IGBAthensGA

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, full bar, outside seating, vegetarian friendly, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Athens' only Persian restaurant focuses on rice, eggplant, kabobs, but also has pizza, wonderful specials (stews, lamb shanks), dough to drink and more. Bellydancing shows. \$\$

### Iron Factory

255 W. Washington St. • 706-395-6877

ironfactoryinc.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, full bar, outside seating, karaoke. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Korean barbecue gets cooked on the grill at your table (you can DIY or ask the server to do it for you): beef, pork belly, shrimp, mushrooms, other veggies, then wrapped in a lettuce leaf or radish slice, doctored with extras and nommed. Everything comes with salad, rice and side vegetables. Korean soju and sake at the bar. Karaoke rooms. \$\$\$

### J&J Flea Market

11661 Hwy. 441 N. • 706-613-2410

jandjffleamarket.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, counter service. • Wander around the flea market inside and outside and find some eats while you're there. La Michoacana...es Natural has its ice cream/paleta truck there most weekends. Other options often include Mexican but are limited for now. \$

### J Buffalo Wings

196 Alps Road • 706-850-2095

1805 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-0823

jbuffalo.com

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

### J. Christopher's

1650 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3520

jchristophers.com

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

### 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. \$



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### 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 with sandwiches: pimento cheese, chicken salad, grilled cheese, Southwestern chicken wrap, spinach salad with egg, bacon and poppyseed dressing. Also chili dogs, slaw dogs, good soups, PB&J, fro-yo and milkshakes. \$

### Jersey Mike's

690 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-353-4655

jerseymikes.com

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

### Jimmy John's Gourmet Subs

600 Baxter St. • 706-613-0500

2301 College Station Road • 706-543-5411

jimmyjohns.com

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

### Jinya Ramen Bar

351 E. Broad St. • 706-478-0880

jinya-ramenbar.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out.

**HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Highly reputed franchise does lots of ramen but also salads, tacos, rice bowls, curry, sides like crispy chickpeas, dumplings and takoyaki. Mochi ice cream and panna cotta for dessert. Kids meals, too. \$\$

### Jittery Joe's Coffee

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jitteryjoes.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru (Baxter, Greensboro and Epps Bridge), outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Vary by location. • The local coffee roaster now extends beyond Athens, but the beans are still roasted on Barber Street. Lots of specialty roasts benefit different causes. Hot and cold drinks, premium teas and 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 where the actual roasting is done in an unprepossessing parking lot. \$

### Joe and Sam's Café

1021 Jamestown Blvd., Watkinsville • 706-705-1400

joeandsams.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, drive thru, catering, counter service. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch; open until 8 p.m. for coffee. • Jittery Joe's coffee drinks, biscuits and breakfast plates in the a.m. in an airy, open space. Lunch

features classic sandwiches, soups, salads and kids menu.

Baked goods, too. \$

### Johnny's New York Style Pizza

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-354-1515

johnnyspizza.com

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

### Journey Juice

1428 Prince Ave. • 706-850-0707

journeyjuice.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly.

**FEATURES:** Delivery, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Seven days.

• Raw, organic, cold-pressed and unpasteurized fruit and vegetable juices that are also delicious and pre-packaged for easy transporting. \$

### Just Pho... and More

1063 Baxter St. • 706-850-1420

facebook.com/justphoandmore

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, art, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Plenty more, actually, in addition to the Vietnamese beef, chicken or vegetable broth-based noodle soup customizable with lots of additions. Rice dishes with grilled meats, noodle dishes, banh mi sandwiches, goi cuon, tiramisu and more. \$\$

### Kelly's Jamaican Food

1583 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-208-0000

145 Epps Bridge Road • 706-369-5399

kellysjerk.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly.

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

**HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Jamaican joint with two locations going strong for a long time in the Classic City. Hefty portions of 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, served with good cheer. \$\$

### Kiki's Bakeshop

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

kikisbakeshop.com

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

Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, take-out. **HOURS:**

Mon.–Sat. • Watkinsville bakery does a wide variety of cakes and pies (order whole ones in advance), plus cookies, scones, cheese straws, cupcakes, quiches, pimento cheese, bread, muffins and more. Holiday menus. \$\$

### Krimson Kafe

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

krimsonkafe.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:**

Catering, counter service, outside seating, art. **HOURS:** Lunch,

Mon.–Sat. • 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 Mexican Restaurant

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

2971 Monroe Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-4490

labcabanawatkinsville.com

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and Latin American, Vegetarian

Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Americanized Mexican in a stone-walled

interior with a big fireplace in the middle of the room. Queso, burritos, combo plates, fajitas, quesadillas and lots of lunch specials. Yes, you can get a margarita or a Mexican beer. \$\$

### La Fiesta

1395 College Station Road • 706-549-5933

facebook.com/lafiestaofathens

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Popular Americanized Mexican fare: burritos, enchiladas, fajitas, taquitos, nachos, tacos and quesadillas. Special entrees and combo plates. Margaritas, Mexican beers, domestics and house wines. \$\$

### La Michoacana Antojitos Mexicanos

3750 Old Jefferson Road • 706-206-5260

facebook.com/lamichoacanaantojitosmexicanos

**FILE UNDER:** Ice Cream and Smoothies, Mexican. **FEATURES:**

Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Hundreds of flavors of popsicles and ice cream in this shop attached to La Jalisco grocery store and taqueria. Also: outrageous street-food snacks like a grilled ear of corn encrusted with Hot Cheetos, agua fresca with ice cream and sliced mango with chile powder. \$

### La Michoacana Es Natural

1635 Glenn Carrie Road, Hull • 706-521-8008

instagram.com/lamichoacana\_esnatural

**FILE UNDER:** Ice Cream and Smoothies, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Outside seating. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Astonishingly good Mexican ice cream shop that makes flavors fresh in-store daily (including queso, tequila, eggnog and more), as well as gorgeous paletas full of fruit, smoothies, aguas frescas and street-food snacks like Doritos and loaded potato chips. Its food truck shows up at the J&J on weekends. \$

### La Tienda Los Amigos

109 Rowe Road • 706-543-9637

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

Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Walk inside the grocery store to find this taco counter next to the butcher counter. Weekends usually find the tortilla press working hard. Tacos (including "American" style with lettuce, tomato and cheese), tortas, burritos and specials like shrimp cocktail and chiles rellenos. Horchata and aguas frescas to drink or snag a Jarritos from the store. \$

### The Lark Winespace

493 Prince Ave. • 706-850-5455

thelarkwinespace.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Wine, Outside

Seating. **HOURS:** Closed Mondays. • The Expat's Krista Slater's wine store and tasting room. Come taste before you buy and have a snack while you're at it (tinned seafood, nuts, cheese, charcuterie, toasts and Condor chocolates). \$\$

### Larry's Giant Subs

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-227-7298

larryssubs.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:**

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

### Last Resort Grill

184 W. Clayton St. • 706-549-0810

lastresortgrill.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:**

Outside seating, art, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Dinner, Weekend Brunch. • Crowd-pleasing restaurant mixes Southern and Southwestern cuisine; veggie and vegan choices, plus fish and seafood are highlights. Cecilia cakes (they recently bought the bakery) and more for dessert. Plan ahead for lines at brunch. Good bar, with American vodkas,

gins and vermouths, as well as Armagnac, ice wine, Madeira, sherry and a long list of wines. Large outdoor dining area. \$\$\$

### Lay-Z-Shopper

361 E. Clayton St.

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. • Yes, it's a convenience store with a variety of vapes, but it also has a good sandwich counter that slices Boar's Head meats and cheeses to order. Good both after the bars close and in the middle of the day. \$

### Lickin' Chicken

377 Oak St. • 706-850-6722

facebook.com/lcathens

**FILE UNDER:** Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take-out, drive-thru, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Grab-and-go chicken spot does wings and tenders, either plain or sauced, plus fried fish, hot sandwiches, salads, desserts and fried pickles as well as family meal deals. \$

### Lil' Ice Cream Dude's Cool World

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-850-8306

lilicecreamdude.com

**FILE UNDER:** Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Seven days. • High-schooler Beau Shell and his family own this super-fun ice cream shop, which has a wide variety of flavors, milkshakes, fat ice cream sandwiches (made in house), Italian ices and pints. You can hire the truck for parties, too, and they just added tailgate boxes of ice cream or popsicles. \$

### 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. • Salads (chicken salad, pimento cheese and the like, plus bowls of greens and vegetables), soups, lots of veggies. Cookies, brownies, fancy chocolates, candy and gift items available, too. Holiday menus. Friday dinners sometimes. \$\$\$

### Little City Diner

135 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-7590

littletcitydiner.com

**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out, outside seating, vegetarian friendly, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch, weekend brunch. • The Little City in question is Winterville. Southern breakfast and

brunch include biscuits, eggs, quiche and Red Mule grits. Lunch means sandwiches on housemade breads, burgers and salads. Good desserts, coffee and veggie options. \$\$

### Little Italy

125 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-7100

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**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. • Classic New York-style pizzeria is fast and busy. Slices are big and floppy, subs are ginormous. \$

### Little Kings Shuffle Club

223 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-369-3144

facebook.com/lkshuffclub

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, trivia, live music, outside seating, Wi-Fi. • Grown folks' bar hosts music, comedy, trivia and frequent private events. Big patio with cornhole. A variety of bottled beers and rotating drafts that include seasonal brews. Wine and cocktails, too. Pop-up food offerings occasionally. \$

### Live Wire Athens

227 W. Dougherty St. • 706-543-8283

livewireathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music/DJs, outside seating. • This all-purpose performance venue has three stages—two inside and one in a large beer garden. A good assortment of craft and local beer, as well as budget-friendly options. Wine and cocktails, too. \$\$

### The Local 706

1676 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-207-8700

thelocal706.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, weekend brunch. • Sports bar and grill in the middle of Five Points. Lunch is meat and three. Dinner brings flatbreads, sandwiches, burgers, salads, fried cheese, wings and kids menu. Biscuits and gravy, steak and eggs at brunch. Also, cocktails that say things like "zero carb." \$\$

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

### Lord's Bar

251 W. Clayton St.

lordsbarathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Newish bar does a lot of frozen drinks, including rosé and Jack and Coke slushies, plus speciality cocktails. \$

### Los Primos Taqueria Express

7990 Macon Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-705-6195

losprimos.express

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Fast-casual Mexican, both drive-thru and dine-in, with tacos (corn and flour tortillas), enchiladas, burritos, rice bowls, kids menu, aguas frescas and more. \$

### Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant

1880 Hwy. 29 N. • 706-227-8308

facebook.com/losreyesmexrest

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Delivery, outside seating, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • One of the best Mexican restaurants around, with excellent tacos (filled with cilantro, onions and fish, al pastor, barbacoa or lengua), big tortas, menudo, tostadas de ceviche, 7 mares, gorditas, sopes and more. \$

### 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, games like 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.

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**Hours:** Breakfast and dinner, seven days. • Hotel Indigo's restaurant serves croissant sandwiches and omelets for breakfast, plus a full dinner, with steak, salmon, sandwiches, salads and High Road craft ice cream. Nice cocktails. \$\$

### Maepole

1021 N. Chase St. • 706-850-3600

maepole.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Virtuous and tasty fast food. Start with brown rice, quinoa, sweet potatoes or salad greens. Add a protein, two veggie sides and a housemade sauce. Menu changes seasonally. Kids meals. Gluten-free choices. Everything is recyclable or compostable. \$\$

### Magnolias

312 E. Broad St. • 706-543-0797

magnoliasath.com

**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. Opens early, stays open late. The usual array of brews behind the bar; house drinks tend to be sweet and beachy. Dog friendly. \$

### Mai Kai Kava Bar

1035 Baxter St.

maikaikava.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. • This small chain with locations in Florida and Blairsville, Georgia, is opening a location here in August serving a nonalcoholic beverage that's made to chill you out. The other branches serve sweetened kava in a coconut shell, kava blended with lemonade, frozen drinks, CBD coffee and tea, boba and more. \$

### Main Moon Restaurant

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

www.mainmoonwatkinsville.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Basic Chinese restaurant with pictures of the food you can order: 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 Ning's Thai

2 S. Main St., Ste.101 • 706-705-1012

www.mamaningsthai.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian. **FEATURES:** Take-out, catering, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Thai basics and more in the middle of downtown Watkinsville: satay, tom yum, curries, eggplant basil, noodles, Thai tea, boba. Cake from Sweetie Pie by Savie. Kids menu. Makku rice beer. \$\$

### Mama Sid's Pizza

2240 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-6100

mamasidspizza.net

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Buffet, delivery, beer. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. • Casual, family-run pizzeria of long standing with budget prices, salads, subs, pasta, hot wings, calzones and more. \$\$

### Mama's Boy

197 Oak St. • 706-548-6249

8851 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8550

mamasboyathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, counter service, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Tues–Sun. • Both locations do Southern breakfast and lunch all day: biscuits with lots of toppings, hash, egg plates, tacos, pimento cheese burger, chicken salad, strawberry lemonade. Lots of great sides and family meals for pick-up. Very accommodating to those with special dietary needs. \$\$

### Manhattan Café

337 N. Hull St. • 706-369-9767

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, DJs. • Midcentury modern decor in a dimly lit, divey interior popular with townies. Zapp's potato chips pair well with specialty drinks, including a whole selection of hot ones in cold weather, listed on handwritten signs. Cocktails, beer, wine, sangria and sake. \$

### Mannaweenta

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-850-8422

mannaweenta.wixsite.com/home

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Athens' only Ethiopian restaurant feels like you're being hosted in someone's home. Beef, for sure, but also loads of vegan choices, all served with chewy, pancake-like injera bread. Ethiopian tea and coffee, plus cookies. \$\$

### Marker 7 Coastal Grill

1195 Milledge Ave. • 706-850-3451

marker7coastalgrill.com

**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and brunch. • Beachy fish shack does Georgia and Gulf seafood with mostly open-air seating: lightly fried baskets, peel-and-eat shrimp, oysters, grilled or blackened entrees and sides like coleslaw and hush puppies. Burgers and chicken tacos, too. Beachy cocktails. \$\$\$

### Martino's Italian Restaurant

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

martinositalian.com

**FILE UNDER:** Italian. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, take-out, beer and wine, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner (closed Tuesday). • Family-owned local Italian place with lots of booth seating has all the stuff you'd expect: baked ziti, linguini pomodoro, veal marsala, tiramisu. Kids menu. Italian wine. \$\$\$

### Marti's at Midday

1280 Prince Ave. • 706-543-3541

martisatmidday.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. • Longtime Athens lunchy/breakfasty spot guided by the spirit of its late founder is popular for catering, too, as well as for take-home entrees and casseroles that are great for new parents. Big salads, scoops of pimento cheese and chicken salad, sandwiches, great pita chips, sweets. \$\$



### 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. Lunch options rotate and include pot roast, fried chicken livers and lemon pepper tilapia alongside vegetables like fried okra, cabbage, sweet potato soufflé and squash casserole. \$

### McAlister's Deli

2033 W. Broad St.

mcalistersistdeli.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Coming soon to the former Steak & Shake on Broad. \$

### Mediterranean Grill

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-543-5000

mediterraneangrill.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, catering, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Grilled meats and veggies (lamb, chicken, kofta, gyros) and tons of vegetarian choices, like falafel, salads, dolmas, hummus and tabbouleh, all of which can be mixed and matched into good combos. Kids meals and business lunch specials. Baklava and other desserts. \$\$

### Mell's Place

4648 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-548-0830

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**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, cash only. • Escape the downtown scene for the oldest bar in town, built in 1952. The atmosphere is warm and unfussy with pool and karaoke. Cold domestic beer and liquor drinks. \$

### 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. • Lots of toppings and specialty pies, plus pretzels made with the same dough, salads, subs, calzones and munchies; good beer selection. \$\$

### Mifflin's 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, seven days. • Family-run Peruvian place with a big menu of delicious standards and surprisingly fancy plating: lomo saltado, aji de gallina, tallarin, lots of ceviche choices and seafood, causas and causitas (mashed potato terrines with lime and chicken, tuna or shrimp salad). \$\$\$

### Moe's Southwest Grill

1320 Baxter St. • 706-369-7776

moes.com

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

### Molly's Coffee Company

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

mollyscoffee.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Darling independently owned coffee place does drip coffee, cold brew, lattes, tea, kombucha, mochas, bagels pastries from Kiki's Bakeshop, all with an emphasis on sustainability. Latte art and pop-ups. \$

### Moonshine Bar

275 E. Clayton St.

facebook.com/moonshineathens

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** DJs, outside seating, live music. • Clayton Street party bar with wood paneling and literal buckets of liquor drinks. Yes, it has moonshine. \$

### 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. • Sweet covered patio is a great place to sit at this family-owned Vietnamese restaurant. It has the beef broth-based noodle soup, of course, but also banh mi, crepes, summer rolls, claypots and rice dishes. Vietnamese coffee, fruit slushies, bubble tea and coconut juice to drink. \$\$

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### Munch Hut

175 E. Broad St. • 706-850-7150

munch-hut.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, late night, take out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. • This convenience store/restaurant does gyros (including one that incorporates mozzarella sticks), plus hot subs, chicken fingers, rice bowls, salads, fries, snacks and drinks. \$

### 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. • This place always pleases, whether for date night or an upscale lunch. The menu is Spanish/Mediterranean inspired, with lots of vegetables (the "power lunch" is a great veggie plate) and high-quality ingredients. Roasted chicken with za'atar, Portuguese custard tarts, pizzettes and a lot more. Great wine list and cocktails. Will deliver across the street to Creature Comforts or Little Kings. \$\$\$\$

### Nedza's

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-8331

nedzas.com

**FILE UNDER:** Ice cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Delivery, catering, outside seating, beer. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. • Everything comes with a customized compliment, whether you're ordering a big savory biscuit, an elaborate crowaffle piled with avocado, mozzarella, balsamic vinegar and tomatoes or a fancy, intense donut. Also: coffee drinks, ice cream, vegan and gluten-free offerings, mimosas made with Creature Comforts' Athena. \$

### New Red Bowl Asian Bistro

1935 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-227-7888

newredbowl.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, curbside pick-up, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • One of only two places in the area to get legit Chinese food without driving to Duluth; just remember to ask for the Szechuan menu (or locate it on the website if you're ordering take-out). If that's not your thing, there's sesame chicken, too, plus Thai curries, sushi, steamed seafood and much more. \$\$

### Newk's Eatery

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-543-5700

700 Baxter St.

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. • Neighborhood bar in Normaltown with a great patio with firepits in the winter. No one's going to chase you out for not being cool enough. Craft and local beers and handcrafted cocktails. \$

### 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

nowherebarlive.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. • Old-school dive bar with a big painting of its late founder,

Sky Hertwig, is like traveling back in time. 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:** Lunch Mon-Sat. • Country store/restaurant in Winterville does hot lunch (hot dogs, grilled corn, chili, pork chops, hash brown casserole), fresh produce, grab-and-go stuff from a cold case and excellent homemade ice cream on Saturdays, often with fresh fruit. \$

### The Office Sports Bar and Grill

135 W. Washington St. • 706-521-5898

theofficeathensga.com

**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Delivery, full bar, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. • Fancy-ish sports bar promotes itself as "a guilt-free place to say, 'I'm at the Office.'" Burgers, wings, pork chops, steakhouse sides. Breakfast burger at brunch. Domestic and craft beer, specialty cocktails named things like "the Sexy Intern." \$\$

### Oglethorpe Garage

1560 Oglethorpe Ave. • 706-850-8810

facebook.com/oglethorpegarage

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Outside Seating, Full Bar. **HOURS:** Mon-Sat. • A motorcycle bar, but not like in the movies. This is just a chill neighborhood spot for people who like to ride and/or fix bikes and enjoy an aperol spritz. Snacks, pop-ups, ping pong and a nice patio. Sports on TV. \$\$

### The Old Pal

1320 Prince Ave. • 706-850-4340

theoldpal.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, take-out. • Recognized regionally for real-good cocktails, not stuff in a fishbowl that'll get you blotto, and named for an old-timey drink that combines rye, campari and vermouth. Cocktail menu changes seasonally and includes both classics and new things. Deep list of good spirits, plus some judiciously chosen wines and beers. \$

### The Olive Garden

3666 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-2225

olivegarden.com

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

### On the Rocks

255 E. Clayton St. • 706-354-6666

twitter.com/ontherocksuga

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. • College sports bar with an impressive sound system that describes itself as "literally just a hallway with a bar in it." Plenty of inexpensive domestics, wells, shooters and frozen drinks. Every flavor of White Claw your heart desires. \$

### Osteria Athena

323 E. Broad St. • 706-353-3911

osteriaathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Italian. **FEATURES:** Catering, dinner, full bar, curbside pick-up, take-out. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Grown-up restaurant serving Italian standards with a nice view of UGA's North Campus out the second-story windows. Housemade pasta, chicken marsala, eggplant parm, carpaccio, caprese. and Gluten-free options. Italian beer and wine. \$\$\$

### Outback Steakhouse

3585 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-6015

outback.com

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



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

## Oyishi Sushi and Hibachi

2061 Experiment Station Rd., Watkinsville • 706-769-7088

oyishiwatkinsville.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, take out, **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Well-priced, fresh Japanese restaurant with sushi, hibachi, ramen, fried rice, salmon tacos, soup and salad. Kids menu. Specials are a good deal. \$\$

## Paloma Park

235 W. Washington St. • 706-850-7356

facebook.com/palomaparkathens

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American, Bars/Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner, late night and Sunday brunch. • Part bar, part tapas restaurant, with small plates like hot chicken bao, Thai chicken salad, chimichurri steak slides, charcuterie served in a Mason jar and chipotle hummus. DJs, tequila specials. \$\$

## 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 turns into a busy bar by night, offering over 150 beers, including 28 on tap, wines and 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. • Winterville BBQ restaurant has pulled

pork, barbecue chicken, ribs and brisket, slaw, stew, chips and bread, plus frequently varying desserts: cakes (red velvet, Key lime, Devil's food, German chocolate), cobblers, banana pudding. \$\$

## 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. • Elaborate decor and Chinese-American standards. Big menu covers all the standards, with lots of vegetarian options. Sizzling rice soup comes with many of the pre-set dinners, and soups in general are more interesting than they need to be. \$\$

## Pelican's Snoballs

510 Baxter St.

pelicanssnoballs.com

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

## Peppino's

950 Whitehall Road • 706-613-1616

peppinospizzeria.homestead.com

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, take-out, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tues-Sun. • Owned by the same folks as Little Italy, so the food is similar (New York-style pizza, enormous subs), but the vibe is different and more family-oriented. Italian salads, pasta of the day, stromboli, tiramisu and cheesecake. \$

## The Picnic Basket Meal Market

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

picnicbasketmealmarket.com

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome. **FEATURES:** Drive thru, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and early dinner (closes at 6 p.m.). • Don't feel like cooking? Check out this local company that makes home-cooked meals. Order ahead on the website or stop by to see what's on offer. Options change daily, but could include tomato pie, lasagna, salads, cheesecake, enchiladas, pork chops and anything else the owners feel like making. \$\$

## The Pine

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-395-6278

thepineathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner and weekend brunch. Occasional

lunch. • Mostly a bar, with a nice wine list arranged not only by white and red but by things like acidity and fruitiness, craft cocktails. But also a restaurant. Champagne brunch on weekends has egg dishes, hash and gougères. Oysters and cheese plates, plus lunch pop-ups. \$\$\$

## Pita Pit

123 N. Jackson St. • 706-552-0051

pitapit.com

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

## Pizza Hut

1995 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-6100

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, dinner and brunch. • Southern but healthier than usual, although plenty is still fried. Big salads, chicken and waffles (not just at brunch), shrimp burger, collard spring rolls. Cocktails that play on things like peanuts and Coke. \$\$

## Planet Smoothie

196 Alps Road • 706-316-3090

1993 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-353-8181

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-521-5833

2361 W. Broad St. • 706-369-3111

planetssmoothie.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, outside seating, checks. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon-Fri. • Old-school Southern restaurant opened in the 1970s serves an all-you-can-eat buffet. Expect fried chicken, steak and gravy, barbecue, meatloaf, turnip greens, black-eyed peas, fried okra and sweet Southern desserts. \$

**Industry Night Monday**  
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### Poindexter

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-549-7020

graduatehotels.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses. • Coffee shop inside Graduate Athens hotel under a new name does grab-and-go pastries, muffins, hot chocolate and coffee by La Colombe. \$

### Poke Bar

1791 Oconee Connector, Suite 740 • 706-850-3410

ilovepokebar.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take out. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$\$

### Polleria Pablo

50 Gaines School Road • 706-461-2533

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Magical Peruvian and Salvadoran restaurant inside a small grocery store on the Eastside. Excellent ceviche, delicious roasted/grilled chicken with cilantro-infused rice, good lomo saltado, seafood specials, tallarin (spaghetti) and tortas. \$

### 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. • One of not very many grown-up restaurants in downtown Athens, this locally owned steakhouse also does crab cakes, chicken, shrimp scampi and other things that aren't red meat as well as a la carte sides. Lunch includes a fried green tomato sandwich, grilled salmon BLT and she-crab soup. Desserts divided into edible and drinkable. \$\$\$

### Pulaski Heights BBQ

675 Pulaski St. • 706-583-9600

pulaskiheightsbbq.com

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** BYOB, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue-Sat. • The basics are always solid at this chef-owned barbecue place that smokes high-quality meats daily; if they run out, things get 86ed for the day. Good vegetarian options, too. Proudly inauthentic ramen on Wednesdays. Lots of specials. The Redneck Reuben, a sandwich with housemade bacon, pimento cheese, collards and ranch, is worth the nap you'll need. \$\$

### Punta Cana Latin Grill

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

facebook.com/puntacanakitcheen

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, full bar, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Darling Dominican resto serves typical rib-sticking fare, including mofongo (plantains mashed with tons of garlic and broth), tostones, rice and meat platters, seafood, empanadas and churros. Full bar serving all your favorite island drinks. \$\$

### Rachel's Southern Style Restaurant

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

facebook.com/RachelsSouthernStyleRestaurant

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon-Fri. Sunday lunch. • Traditional Southern cuisine with a rotating menu written on a whiteboard. Choose among pork chops, chicken, fish and more, grilled or fried, plus fried chicken livers and a host of vegetable sides (rutabagas, cabbage, carrot-and-raisin salad, turnip greens, hash-brown casserole). Homemade desserts. \$\$

### Rafferty's Restaurant & Bar

15 Huntington Road • 706-613-0045

raffertys.com

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

### The Rail Athens

1120 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-354-7289

facebook.com/therailathens

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Bar and grill with pool tables, dart boards, slot machines and big-screen TVs. Bar food, including burgers, wings, sandwiches, nachos and fries. \$

### Raising Cane's

795 Baxter St. • 706-548-2008

raisingcanes.com

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

### Rashe's Cuisine

585 Vine St., Ste. 3 • 706-850-4164

rashecuisine.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, Take-Out, Delivery, Vegetarian Friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and early dinner. From meaty Jamaican food (oxtail, goat) to vegan plates, Rashe's covers it all: roti, coco bread, plantains, vegan and regular mac and cheese, fancy chocolates made in a collab with Condor. Food truck and "delish bags" of raw fruits and veggies, too. \$\$

### Red Lobster

1956 W. Broad St. • 706-549-5376

redlobster.com

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

### The Roadhouse

137 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2324

facebook.com/roadhousedive

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. • Dive bar "serving hangovers since 1991" features neon beer signs and friendly bartenders. Conveniently located next door to pizza. \$

### The Rooftop

215 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-7670

georgiatheatre.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, live music, catering. **HOURS:** Dinner • Bar/restaurant on top of the historic Georgia Theatre, reopening this fall. (Continue to check website for further details.) \$

### The Rook and Pawn

294 W. Washington St. • 706-543-5040

therookandpawn.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs, Something Different. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up, counter service, outside seating, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Board-game café has eats to keep you rolling the dice for hours: sandwiches, pizza made with pita, salads, cheese plates, bowls of salty and sweet snacks, kids menu, coffees. Games for rent or purchase and drinks soft and hard. \$\$

### The Root

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-395-6278

therootathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. • This bar in the basement of The Pine has a particularly great selection of whiskey, including scotch. Also, stuff to snack on: meats, cheeses, olives, non-Gulf oysters. Plenty of craft beer and specialty shots. \$\$

### The Rowdy Goose

364 E. Broad St.

instagram.com/therowdygoose

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. • This college bar has a rooftop patio, a focus on brightly



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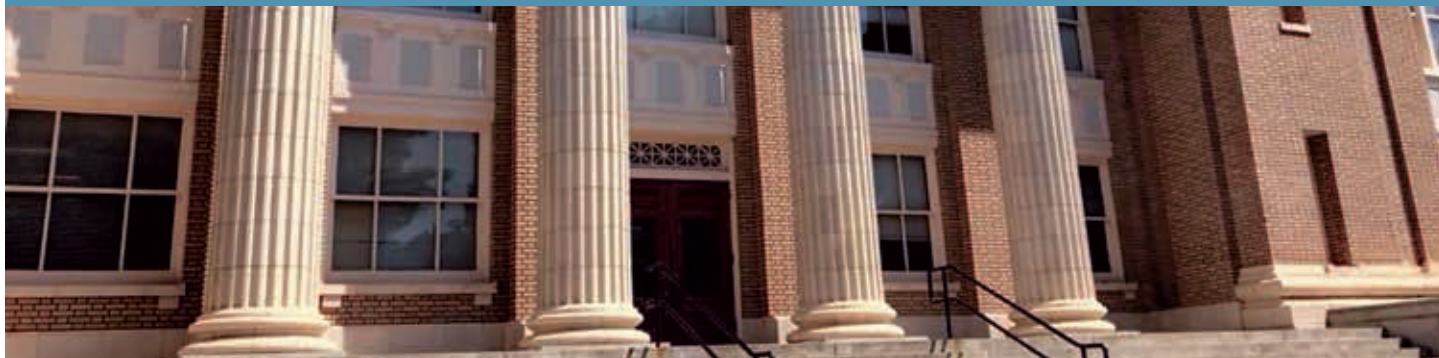
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colored boozy slushies (made with cane sugar and named things like Smurf Juice and Coco Deez Nuts) and a beer pong table. Karaoke. \$\$

### The Royal Peasant

1675 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-549-7920

royalpeasant.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • English pub with a bitty kitchen does legit British food: housemade crisps, bangers and mash, shepherd's pie, curries. Also, good burgers (lamb and beef). Soccer on the telly. U.K. beers, dry ciders, craft brews, wine, whiskey and cocktails. \$\$

### Ru San's

196 Alps Road • 706-552-0488

rusansathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, full bar, reservations, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Big, noisy sushi place out of Atlanta does lots of specialty rolls and sashimi and sushi combos. Also: ramen, pho, fried tofu, grilled seafood and more. Kids menu. Premium cold sakes and cocktails with Japanese ingredients, plus boba. \$\$

### Sake Mama

166 E. Clayton St.

instagram.com/sakemamauga

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

### Sakura Steak House

3557 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-0001

1225 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-2027

sakurahibachiathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Both locations serve a similar menu, from hibachi as entertainment to good quality sushi to elaborately presented sashimi platters. Also: lunch specials, hot pots, yaki udon, dumplings, mochi ice cream, kids menu. Japanese beer, sake, cocktails and wine. \$\$

### Sandbar

220 College Ave. • 706-548-1988

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. Darts. \$

### Saucehouse Barbeque

830 W. Broad St. • 888-978-7948

saucehouse.com

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Wed–Sun. • This huge restaurant sends you down a cafeteria-style line to select a vessel (bread, tacos, baked potato, salad, rice) to top with pork, brisket, ribs, tofu, hash or stew, then add sides: slaw, beans, potato salad and more. Bar menu is smaller and focused on snacks. Bulk orders and margaritas. \$\$

### The Savannah Room

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-338-8781

hotel.uga.edu

**FILE UNDER:** American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, Wi-Fi, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • UGA Hotel restaurant has been around for ages, serving strawberry ice-cream pie and celestial chicken, but also does shrimp and grits, salads, meatloaf, southern vegetables and more. \$\$

### Schlotzsky's Deli

1490 Baxter St. • 706-543-2518

schlotzskys.com

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

### Scott & BJ's BBQ

4007 Danielsville Road • 706-546-1005

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ. **FEATURES:** Cash and checks only. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Family-owned place you might have seen on "True South" serves barbeque pork, chicken, beef and ribs with beans, hash, slaw, potato salad, collard greens and seasonal vegetables. Sauce is hot and thin. \$\$

### Scoville Hot Chicken

311 E. Broad St.

scovillechicken.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Simple simple simple. Nashville hot chicken sandwiches available on a scale from "not spicy" to "reaper," chicken fingers, fries, coleslaw, and that's it. \$

### Seabear Oyster Bar

297 Prince Ave. • 706-850-4367

seabearoysterbar.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, take-out, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Dinner. • Oysters of all sizes and from all regions, from a chalked menu that changes frequently, but also fun takes on seafood and more: scallop fried rice, scallion pancake, lobster roll, grilled cheese. Beer, wine, absinthe, sake, serious cocktails and frozen Negronis. \$\$\$



### 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. • The original location next to a gas station and the other in a bigger space on Broad. Both serve Americanized Mexican standards but also lengua, buche and tripe tacos. Chilaquiles and good hamburguesas. \$\$

### Shane's Rib Shack

680 U.S. Hwy. 29 N. • 706-549-9135

shanesribshack.com

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

### Shokitini

251 W. Clayton St. • 706-353-7933

shokitini.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Karaoke, full bar, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. • Party sushi bar with private karaoke rooms. Lots of rolls and sashimi as well as surf and turf, noodles, fried tofu and apps. Hot and cold sake, saketinis, wine, mostly domestic beer but a few Japanese brews. \$\$\$

### Silver Dollar

262 College Ave. • 706-353-3093

facebook.com/silverdollarathens

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating, live music. • Not really western-themed,

despite the name, just a classic college bar with a covered outdoor patio that's often dog friendly. Ten beers on tap, well drinks and daily specials. Beer pong tournaments. \$

### Sips Espresso Café

1390 Prince Ave. • 706-363-7211

instagram.com/sipsespresso

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. • Small, independent coffee shop makes caffeinated beverages (including cold foam) with local coffees, plus has a variety of treats from Nedza's and other snacks like scones (sweet and savory). Good smoothies and plenty of loose tea options. \$

### Siri Thai Cuisine

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-850-3500

sirithaiathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, delivery, outside seating, take-out, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. • Lots of indoor greenery sets the scene at this Thai restaurant. Noodles (available with various proteins), rice entrees, soups, salads, curries and a Thai dessert selection. Spice level can be serious. A couple of Thai beers among the domestics, sakes and a section of organic wines. \$\$

### Sister Louisa's Church

254 W. Clayton St. • 706-850-3668

sisterlouisaschurch.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. • LGBTQ-positive bar with velvet paintings, Pee-Wee Herman dolls and satirical religious art; now offers a patio behind what was the Caledonia. Dance or play ping-pong. Try the house sangria. \$

### Smoothie King

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2600

smoothieking.com

**FILE UNDER:** Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

### South Kitchen and Bar

247 E. Washington St. • 706-395-6125

southkitchenbar.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering. **HOURS:** Brunch, lunch and dinner. • Historic former hotel with a menu of small and large plates. Snackies like pimento cheese with blueberry gastrique and charred poblanos, plus a good veggie burger, lollipop lambchops and Nashville hot chicken made with Springer Mountain chicken thighs. Gluten-free stuff available. Rotating draft beers in full or half pours, good wines by the glass (and bottle) and regularly changing craft cocktails with housemade ingredients. \$\$

### Southern Brewing Company

231 Collins Industrial Blvd. • 706-548-7183

sobrewco.com

**FILE UNDER:** Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer, live music, outside seating, trivia. • Lots of outdoor space and a wide variety of beers, organized into easy-drinking, hoppy, sour and dark. Handcrafted vodka based slushies (flavors change) and small batch specialty brews but also standards that are always available. Food trucks (different ones listed on the website on the calendar) and lots of events, from Boybutante to wrestling. \$

### Southern Culture Fish and Grits

810 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-1360

southerncultureathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering, full bar, lunch. **HOURS:** Lunch and nighttime bar. Black-owned lowcountry-focused grown-up restaurant, with, obviously, fish and grits but also seafood boils, southern veggies, salmon croquettes,

wings and more. Signature drinks and bottle service. Sundays are a big deal. **\$\$**

### Square One Fish Co.

1298 Prince Ave. • 706-353-8862

[squareonefishco.com](http://squareonefishco.com)

**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner and Sunday brunch. • Seafood, both on the raw bar (oysters, seafood tower, tuna tartare) and cooked (blackened salmon, étouffée, snow crab clusters). Also land-based choices, wedge salad. Brunch includes omelets, fish tacos and oyster shooters. Good, refreshing cocktails. **\$\$\$**

### Starland Pizzeria and Pub

145 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-8773

[starlandpizza.com](http://starlandpizza.com)

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, full bar, take-out, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • The menu is focused, with slice and a salad for \$6, but also white bean hummus, specialty pies and hot sandwiches. Domestic and import bottles and cans, tons of craft beer, wine and cocktails including a combo of frozen bourbon and Cheerwine. **\$\$**

### Strickland's Restaurant

4723 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-548-7003

[stricklandsrestaurant.com](http://stricklandsrestaurant.com)

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering, checks. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Breakfast, Sat. • Open since 1960, this unassuming place out on Atlanta Highway serves some of the best southern food in town. Menu changes daily but always includes fantastic biscuits. You might also get fried chicken, ribs, catfish, pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed corn and greens. Good desserts. **\$**

### Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream

40 W. Broad St., Suite • 706-850-1668

[subzeroicecream.com](http://subzeroicecream.com)

**FILE UNDER:** Ice cream. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Open seven days. **\$**

### Suncatcher Café

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

[facebook.com/suncatchercafe](http://facebook.com/suncatchercafe)

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Breakfast, Mon–Sat. Sunday lunch. • As you'd expect from a breakfast place connected to a gas station, speedy service and big biscuits are characteristic, but there are bigger breakfast plates, too, plus meat-and-three Sunday lunch. Kids meals. **\$**

### Sundown Saloon

50 Gaines School Road • 706-850-1177

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating, Wi-Fi. • This no-frills watering hole has DJs sometimes, pool always. 25 and up. A couple beers on draft and the usual domestics in bottle, wells behind the bar. **\$**

### Surcheros

700 Baxter St.

[surcheros.com](http://surcheros.com)

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Taco and burrito franchise owned by folks from Douglas, Georgia. Pick caritas, grilled chicken or ground beef to go in a bowl, burrito, taco, quesadilla or salad. Add a bunch of toppings and a sauce. S'mores quesadilla for dessert. Side tacos. Coming soon. **\$**

### Sweet Spot Coffee

149 Oneta St. • 706-247-0421

[sweetspotathens.com](http://sweetspotathens.com)

**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. **\$**

### Sweetie Pie by Savie

150 E. Whitehall Road • 706-850-9255

[sweetiepiebysavie.com](http://sweetiepiebysavie.com)

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** 7:30–3:30, Tue–Fri. 7:30–12:30, Sat. • Asian-inflected bakery in a historic grocery does Eastern and Western baked goods, either custom order or from a selection each day. Impressive and elaborate cakes, croissants, cupcakes, mini pies, bar cookies, scones, mini quiches and more. Espresso and drip coffee. Gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan options available. **\$**

### The Table Bistro

1075 Baxter St., B102 • 706-395-6599

[thetableathens.square.site](http://thetableathens.square.site)

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out, curbside pick-up, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Wed–Fri. • Fresh flavors, low salt cooking and lots of vegetables in dishes like pasta with creamy basil arugula pesto or coconut macademia crusted fish. 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](http://facebook.com/thetstand)

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, outside seating (Milledge), take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Open since the 1970s, with very little in the way of change, as it should be. Burritos, veggie chili, quesadillas (traditional microwaved or newer grilled), gigantic nachos. Slight menu variations between locations. **\$**

### Tacos los Plebes

675 Danielsville Road • 706-850-8077

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. • Excellent real Mexican inside a former Huddle House: pollo, lengua, cabeza, al pastor, chorizo, caritas, barbacoa, asada and tripa. Menudo on weekends, horchata and great sopes. **\$**

### Tacuari Sabor Latino

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

1550 Oglethorpe Ave. • 706-202-4097

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**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American, Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • A Uruguyan restaurant in disguise as a Mexican strip mall place. Yes, there are burritos and tacos but also choripan, chivito, churrosco del sur and more. Great baked goods, especially Latin American sweet breads, and tasty empanadas, both sweet and savory. Some gluten-free items. Location #2, on Oglethorpe, is still in the works. **\$**

### Tai Chi Bubble Tea

151 E. Broad St.

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out. Yes, another bubble tea place downtown. This one is a franchise that also does ramen, poke bowls, sushi burritos and salad bowls as well as the usual mindboggling list of tea varieties with boba and other add-ins. Opening soon by the new Target. **\$**

### Tamez Barbecue

1660 W. Broad St. • 706-850-3939

[tamezbbq.com](http://tamezbbq.com)

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. •

Texas-style barbecue with a chef pedigree. Choco coffee and breakfast burritos in the a.m. on unbelievable housemade tortillas, pork and other meats in the p.m. (brisket if you're lucky), plus cornbread, beans, collards. Tacos on Friday and Saturday nights. Meats smoked daily. **\$\$**

### Taqueria del Sol

334 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3890

[taqueriadelsol.com](http://taqueriadelsol.com)

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Tues–Sat. • Chef-crafted taqueria with a focused menu. Pork, brisket, fried chicken, caritas, fish and veggie tacos, plus weekly specials and a blue-plate special. Great selection of premium tequilas, build-your-own margaritas and bottled beers. **\$**

### Taqueria Juaritos

3875 Jefferson Road • 706-521-5260

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Great taqueria inside the Petro Express gas station does tacos, sopes, gorditas and burritos with fillings including asada, chicken, al pastor, barbacoa, caritas, deshebrada (shredded beef), tongue, tripe, chorizo and buche (stomach), plus hot wings and really good soups. Check out the excellent condiment bar. **\$**

### Taqueria la Jalisco

3750 Old Jefferson Road • 706-316-3560

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Taqueria inside a full-service grocery store with a butcher counter. Menudo, caritas, chorizo, tortas, al pastor and a few freshly made salsas. Great baked goods in the grocery section and paletas/helados next door. **\$**

### Taqueria la Parrilla

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

2439 Jefferson Road • 706-549-4977

855 Gaines School Road • 706-548-5040

[lapa.us](http://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. • Locally owned small chain Mexican restaurant has chips-and-salsa-type standards and will get you fried ice cream on your birthday but also serves Mexican-style tacos and very good tortas. Kids menu. Margaritas, Mexican beers, regular choices of bottled stuff and pitchers. **\$\$**

### Taqueria Tsunami

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-353-0040

320 E. Clayton St. • 706-621-7999

[taqueriatsunami.com](http://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 and craft beers. **\$\$\$**

### Taste of India

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-559-0000

[indiaathens.com](http://indiaathens.com)

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, catering, outside seating, take-out, curbside pick-up, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Big menu of Indian standards, from samosas and pakoras to poori, chat, tandoori and many vegetarian and vegan options. Get your entree made with veggies, paneer, tofu, chicken, lamb, goat, fish or shrimp. Lassies, 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, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Mediterranean quick-service franchise does healthful grilled food, including gyros, entree-size salads and "feasts" (grilled veggies or protein, salad, side). Soups, baklava, daily specials, family take-home meals, hummus and spicy pimento cheese, too. \$\$

### Team Biscuits and Burgers

745 Danielsville Road • 706-543-8326

teambandb.com

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken.

**FEATURES:** Drive-thru, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon-Sat. • Heavily football-themed place that does biscuits with sausage, bacon, bologna, steak, chicken, country ham, tenderloin, smoke-link or salmon. Beef, chicken, salmon and shrimp burgers. Wings available in large quantities geared to tailgating. \$

### Ted's Most Best

254 W. Washington St. • 706-543-1523

facebook.com/tedsmostbest

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

**FEATURES:** Beer and wine, outside seating, take-out, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. • Beateous personally sized pizzas are as far from chain pizza as you get, carefully prepared with thinly sliced fancy toppings. If pizza's not your thing, there are also a bunch of other Italian-ish items and great salads. Gluten-free options. Desserts in the refrigerated case. Good beer in cans and bottles, a few wines by the glass. Large outdoor patio with a sandbox crammed with wee ones. \$\$

### Terrapin Beer Co.

265 Newton Bridge Road • 706-549-3377

terrapinbeer.com



**FILE UNDER:** Breweries. **FEATURES:**

Beer, outside seating, curbside pickup. • Local brewer has a huge space with live music, at which to taste craft beer. Dogs are welcome! IPA fiends are into Hopsecutioner, but you might also find a watermelon gose or the Wake-n-Bake coffee oatmeal imperial stout. Food trucks are sometimes present. Or order on the website for curbside pickup. \$

### Texas Roadhouse

1021 Dowdy Road • 706-613-1300

texasroadhouse.com

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

### Thai Spoon

149 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-9222

thaispoonathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out, delivery, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon-Sat. Sunday dinner. • Big menu runs from fresh Thai salads to satay, spicy basil duck, lots of seafood and vegan options, with lots of eggplant, basil, chilis and curry. Beer and wine, Thai iced tea and Thai iced coffee. \$\$

### The Sound Track

321 E. Clayton St. • 404-988-6434

facebook.com/soundtrackathens

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music.

• Lots of dancing, including regular Latin Night. Mostly neon and pumpin' tunes. Standard well drinks, shots, beer and bottle service. Occasional pop-up brunch. \$

### Tlaloc El Mexicano Restaurant

1225 N. Chase St. • 706-613-9301

tlalocelmexicanorestaurant.com

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. • Central American and Mexican food at this divey but completely charming cinderblock restaurant. Pupusas (including with loroco), massive tortas, regular specials and fantastic mole; lots of seafood options. Breakfast, which includes chilaquiles, starts at 10 a.m. and is served all day. Margaritas, beer and aguas frescas. \$\$

### Tokyo Express

690 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-543-8833

tokyoexpressathens.com

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

### Toppers International Showbar

100 N. Jackson St. • 706-613-0504

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

### Trappeze Pub

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-8997

trapeze.pub.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch,

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dinner and late night, seven days. • Big space nicknamed Trapplebee's for good reason, given the menu designed to please all: loaded mac and cheese, southern fish and chips, tabbouleh salad, housemade pickles, a vegan Reuben, buffalo tofu taco and a lot more. 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. Cheesecake for dessert. \$\$

### Utage Athens Sushi Bar

440 E. Clayton St. • 706-227-9339

utagesushibar.restaurant

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Lunch combos have more variety than at many other restaurants. Lots of specialty rolls (the sushi part of the menu is huge), but also good udon and ramen bowls, yakitori, tonkatsu, teriyaki, fried rice and more. Hot and cold sake, Japanese (and American) beers, wine, sake bombs and martinis. \$\$

### Viva! Argentine Cuisine

247 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8284

vivaargentine.com



**FILE UNDER:** South American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, delivery, frozen drinks, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Our one and only Argentinean restaurant, with zingy chimichurri sauce, beef, a variety of empanadas (including a samosa-inspired one), hearty soups, lots of vegetarian options and cute cupcakes. \$\$

### Walker's Coffee & Pub

128 College Ave. • 706-543-1433

facebook.com/walkerspub

**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 good light food until the early afternoon (breakfast burritos and sandwiches, cheeseburger, BLT, PB&J, veggie quesadilla), bar by night. Six beers on draft and over 70 in bottles, including many microbrews. \$

### The Warehouse

346 E. Broad St.

thewarehouseathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Live Music. • Large bar/club that encourages lots of dancing. Metal, country, rap and more, with flashing lights and plenty of drinks. \$

### 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, Tues–Sat. • A legend, in Athens and far outside it, and thankfully still open. Look for the bright-green cinderblock building and the sign that reads “Automatic for the People.” Fantastic fried chicken, squash casserole, mac and cheese, collards and the like, varying a bit daily. Order online for delivery or pick-up. \$\$

### White Tiger Gourmet

217 Hiwassee Ave. • 706-353-6847

whitetigergourmet.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery, take-out, art, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. • Barbecue and more in an old-timey grocery with high ceilings and a ton of outside seating under fairy lights. Amazing cheeseburgers, pork cue as well as tofu, excellent veggie sides (including perfect coleslaw, which you can also get on a hot dog), plus salads and banana pudding. Fanta in the cooler, fun specials. \$\$

### Willy's Mexicana Grill

196 Alps Road • 706-548-1920

willys.com

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

### Wing House Grill

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

1307 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8250

winghouse-grill.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, take-out, outside seating, beer. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Two locations, plus a food truck; the original is out in Hull, and the newer one is in Normaltown. Wings, boneless and regular, but also fried green tomatoes, pickles, jalapenos, mushrooms and green beans; burgers, mozzarella sticks, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and a couple of salads. Kids meals include a cookie. Homemade cake. \$

### Wing Zone

142 W. Clayton St. • 706-214-2536

wingzone.com

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

### Wingster Café

521 Baxter St. • 706-583-9611

wingsterathens.com

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

### WNB Factory

4375 Lexington Rd., Ste. • 706-308-8088

wbnfactory.com

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

### Wok Star

225 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-2555

wokstarrestaurant.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • Trust us: there is legit Chinese food in this Winterville strip-mall restaurant that also serves hamburgers. Ask for the Chinese menu and you'll find duck, yu xiang eggplant, hot and spicy boiled fish, mapo tofu, cumin lamb and more. The folks in the kitchen may not always have everything listed, but they're great at adapting on the fly. \$\$

### Wok's Up

1791 Oconee Connector, Bogart • 706-521-5486

facebook.com/woksupsgeorgia

**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, some veggies, a sauce and a base (rice, noodles, salad), and they'll cook it for you right then and there. \$

### 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 a Yoohoo Mudslide and shots flavored like Sour Patch Kids. \$

### Woodford

120 E. Washington St.

instagram.com/woodford.athens

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

### The World Famous

351 N. Hull St. • 706-543-4002

facebook.com/theworldfamousathens

**FILE UNDER:** American, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, art, full bar, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. • Half bar, half restaurant, with hearty food like variations on chicken and waffles, good wings, tacos like chili crisp-marinated watermelon and fried chicken. Lots of veggie choices. Creative cocktails, well-priced beer (including lots of canned craft brews), wine, housemade nonalcoholic sodas and a great chalkboard that often demonstrates townies' secret love of UGA football. \$\$

### Your Pie

196 Alps Road • 706-549-3179

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

yourpie.com

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

### Zeb's Bar-B-Q

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

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**FILE UNDER:** BBQ. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, drive-thru, checks, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wed–Sat. Lunch, Sun. • Country barbecue joint of long standing keeps long hours, has great atmosphere and is well known for its peppery, vinegary sauce. Burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries, tots and slaw, too, but the barbecue sandwich is the real attraction. \$

### 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. • Tell the folks behind the counter which toppings you want on your freshly made chocolate or vanilla doughnut (your choice of glaze, plus sprinkles, bacon, pecans, Fruity Pebbles and more). Iced coffee made with coffee ice cubes. Vegan, paleo and gluten-free options. \$

### ZZ & Simone's

1540 S. Lumpkin St.

instagram.com/zzandsimones

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Vegetarian friendly, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. • New informal pizza+spot from the folks behind Dinner Party, just down the street, in a new development on Lumpkin. The plus includes pasta, from-scratch gelato, a serious cocktail program and more. Opening this fall. \$



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