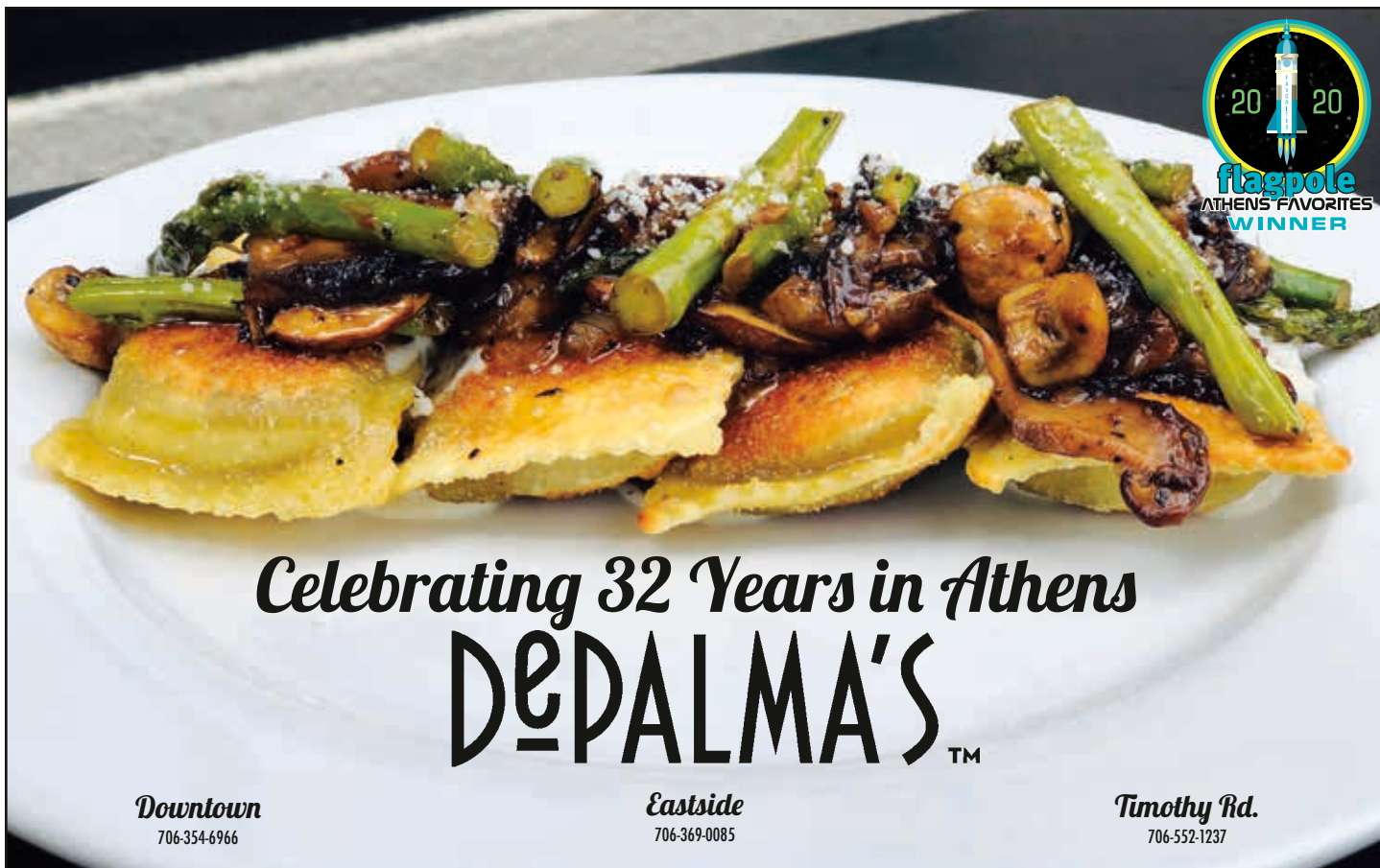


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**ATHENS** AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA have been intertwined from the beginning. The state legislature chartered the University of Georgia in 1785, making UGA the oldest public university in the country, no matter what anyone in North Carolina says.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

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

Other than a minor skirmish at Barber Creek, 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, housing UGA offices—manufactured rifles for the Confederacy. On a lighter note, local dentist John Gilleland devised a double-barreled cannon that failed spectacularly when tested. The chain connecting the balls snapped, knocking over a chimney and killing a cow. The cannon is now displayed outside City Hall, facing north.

Many prominent rebels—including Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens, former U.S. House Speaker Howell Cobb and his brother, T.R.R. Cobb—had ties to Athens. Plantation enslaved labor funded the construction of many grand antebellum homes, such as T.R.R. Cobb's, which is now a museum on Prince Avenue. Enslaved labor also helped build UGA.

By the turn of the 20th Century, Athens had public schools, a police force and its first streetcar suburbs: Cobbham, Boulevard and Five Points. In 1891,

the State Normal School, a teachers' college, opened in what's now called Normaltown. The Navy took over the college in the 1950s, training its Supply Corps there. When the Navy school moved to Rhode Island in 2011, UGA acquired the property and turned it into a health sciences campus.

In the early 20th Century, black-owned businesses were flourishing on the Hot Corner at Hull and Washington streets, centered around the Morton Theatre, built by wealthy developer Monroe "Pink" Morton, the son of a former slave. But race relations remained tense. Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter integrated UGA in 1961, sparking near-riots. In 1964, Athens Klansmen murdered Lemuel Penn, a Black Army Reserve officer, who was passing through town late at night. Marches and sit-ins were held at the popular fast-food restaurant The Varsity. Local public schools didn't fully integrate until 1970, 16 years after *Brown v. Board of Education*. This was also the time of "urban renewal," which brought a health clinic, better housing and more improvements to black neighborhoods but caused the destruction of many intown houses designated as "slums."

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

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

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



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

## How to Get Involved

*Flagpole's* City Dope column is a great resource for keeping up with local politics.

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 administers the 14,000-student Clarke County School District and is composed of nine members who elect a president from among themselves. The board holds virtual meetings on the first and second Thursdays of the month at 6 p.m. CCSD's website is [clarke.k12.ga.us](https://clarke.k12.ga.us). Agendas are posted at [go.boarddocs.com/ga/clarke/Board.nsf/Public](https://go.boarddocs.com/ga/clarke/Board.nsf/Public) 24 hours before each meeting. Meetings can be streamed on CCSD's YouTube channel and viewed later on the website.

Politically, Athens is roughly 70 percent Democratic, but due to gerrymandering, it is represented by four Republicans and one Democrat in the state legislature, where Republicans still dominate both the House and the Senate. The General Assembly meets for 40 working days a year, starting on the second Monday in January and ending sometime in late March, usually in time for the Masters Golf Tournament. Check [legis.ga.gov](https://legis.ga.gov) to contact legislators, read the texts of bills and watch the action on live-stream.

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

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](https://calendar.uga.edu) for the latest.

## How to Get Around

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

**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](https://downtownathensga.org) and [parking.uga.edu](https://parking.uga.edu) for more.

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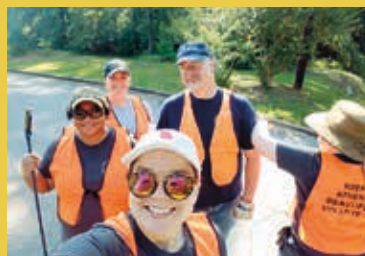
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**TAKE A CAB:** Athens taxis are mostly large vans shared with other passengers. Fares aren't metered; they're based on zones and should be posted inside the cab. Vans gather by the Arch late at night. Expect to be asked whether you're going to the 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. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, all buses are free of charge through at least July 1, 2021. Campus Transit ([transit.uga.edu](http://transit.uga.edu)) is also free and open to the public—just hop on. UGA buses mostly run through campus, but routes along Milledge Avenue and Prince Avenue stop at a handful of off-campus locations. Both agencies have apps that allow you to track buses.

**SKIP TOWN:** Southeastern Stages ([southeasternstages.com](http://southeasternstages.com)) intercity buses leave from a gas station/minimart at 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 officials are currently searching for an airline to provide commercial air service from the city's recently enhanced Ben Epps Field. 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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## How We Stack Up

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

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

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

**UGA ENROLLMENT:** 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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# Art Around Town

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

## **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 artists from across the country—the longstanding “Emerges” show highlights rising local artists, and an annual juried exhibition welcomes submissions from everywhere. In addition to traditional opening receptions, exhibitions are often accompanied by workshops, performances and talks with visiting artists.

## **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 both walls leading from the entrance and is now curated through a partnership with ATHICA. Art can be viewed during the same hours as the theater, but you don't have to buy movie tickets to check it out or to enjoy opening receptions.

## **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, 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)

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

## **Creature Comforts Brewing Co.**

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

Creature Comforts' Get Artistic initiative aims to support art in its many forms: visual, performance, music and writing. In addition to exhibitions curated by Madeline Blankenship, the brewery hosts artist talks, craft workshops, art parties 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, which showcase the works of graduating students near the end of each semester, galleries host year-round, rotating exhibitions by students, faculty and visiting artists. 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, on UGA's East Campus, houses a large permanent collection of paintings, prints, decorative arts, sculpture and more. This year's diverse lineup includes “Emma Amos: Color Odyssey,” “Extra Ordinary: Magic, Mystery and Imagination in American Realism” and “Echoes from Abroad: American Art from the Collection of Barbara Guillaume.” Admission is free, as are almost all of the museum's many events: 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, including David Hale and Chris Hubbard.

### 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. The shop also offers photography services and workshops for all ages.

### 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. In addition to offering summer camps, the occasional festival and classes instructed by professional artists, the center serves as meeting grounds for local craft groups. A gift shop features items created by regional artists.

### Madison-Morgan Cultural Center

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

The nonprofit in nearby historic Madison, GA is housed in a beautifully restored 1895 Romanesque Revival school building. Programming ranges from visual art exhibitions to performing arts, and annual events include an antiques show, chamber music festival and tour of homes.

### The Myers and Bertelsmann Galleries at Athens Academy

1281 Spartan Lane • 706-549-9225 • [athensacademy.org](http://athensacademy.org)

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

### 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 nonprofit that promotes performing, visual and literary arts through a range of exhibitions and classes for all ages. Longstanding annual events include "Southworks," a national juried art exhibition; "Perspectives," the Georgia pottery invitational; a members exhibition; and a holiday market. Smaller exhibitions are hosted in a converted classroom adjacent to the main gallery.

### Tif Sigfrids

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 it 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 high-quality pop-up exhibitions each month. Artists coming this season include Dan Smith, Krysia Ara, Manda McKay and Penny Noah. Limited-capacity opening receptions are typically held the second Friday of the month, and private appointments can be reserved by email.

### 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. In addition to the exhibition hall, the facility includes a demonstration kitchen, dining and activity space and multiple classrooms for hosting lectures, workshops and other events.

# Intown 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.

## ATHENS Mural

Located in an alley off Clayton Street, former Athenian Taylor Shaw's new mural resembles a vintage "Greetings from..." postcard and celebrates the Classic City as a musical mecca. Part of the new Athens Music Walk of Fame—and funded by the Athens Downtown Development Authority—the mural depicts a collage of local music references incorporated in the block letters: Pylon, Widespread Panic, The B-52's and more. This summer, the Athens Mural Alley project will install a series of several paintings on panels by local artists.

## Cobbham Triangle Park

Last year, the slice of land nestled between Prince Avenue, Cobb and Harris streets was transformed into a public art park. Highlights include a mosaic sitting wall by Krysia Ara, a towering sculpture by Harold Rittenberry and granite sculptures by Stan Mullins for games of chess and ping pong.

## Hope

Located downtown on the exterior walls of Epiphany Athens and The Rook & Pawn, David Hale's new mural, "Hope," depicts barn swallows—a symbol of rebirth and hope—flying across a prismatic, rainbow-colored sky.

"Hope" celebrates this year's 25th anniversary of the AthFest Music and Arts Festival, replacing "BirdSong," Hale's mural of 20 species of native songbirds that was commissioned by AthFest Educates to commemorate the 20th anniversary.

## Fire Up the Hydrants

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

## Hot Corner: An Athens Legacy

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 light poles with intricate mosaics, Krysia Ara's Project Ginkgo adds glittering charm and color to the downtown landscape. Funded by the Athens Downtown Development Authority, each design is unique and can be found outside Flicker Theatre and Bar, The World Famous, Morton Theatre, Epiphany, Creature Comforts, Musician's Warehouse, Ciné, Chamber of Commerce, Post Office, Last Resort and Ted's Most Best.





**AS WE EMERGE FROM OUR WINTER COCOONS**, let's consider the spaces outside our house or apartment walls as a new place to explore. I know, you're tired of the same old haunts, whether it's a trip around the block for the umpteenth time or ordering the kids into the backyard. Again. With that in mind, here are some ideas that are both budget- and kid-friendly for getting out and away from the screens. Just remember to pack your mask in case you end up in a place with a few more people than you anticipated—and a flask of hand sanitizer is always a handy item when exploring with kids, whether or not there's a pandemic.

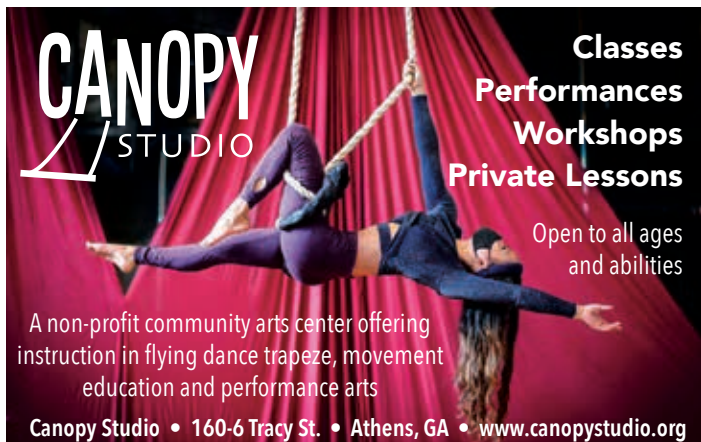
## Places to Explore

There are more than a dozen playgrounds dotted across Athens-Clarke County. While these were closed off at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, time has shown that the staffing required to keep barriers up was taking away from general upkeep elsewhere. So, use them wisely—wear your masks (this includes

your kids!) and use hand sanitizer before, during and after. And, if there are other kids playing when you arrive, have a plan B in place in order to maintain proper social distancing. ([accgov.com/2550/Playgrounds](http://accgov.com/2550/Playgrounds))

For a place to take the bikes out, head to the network of Greenway trails. Start at Dudley Park and connect with the Firefly Trail, or head north along the Oconee River to Sandy Creek Nature Center (or south to the UGA campus and Athens' east side). ([accgov.com/greenway](http://accgov.com/greenway)) Walker Park is also a great bike destination with its network of SORBA-maintained off-road bike trails. Also, check out the progress on the new pump track, a sculpted area that allows novice and experienced off-road cyclists to practice form and technique. ([sorbaathens.org](http://sorbaathens.org))

If scooters or skateboards are more your jam, Bishop Park (705 Sunset Drive) features a paved trail that is easy for little ones to ride. Or head over to Southeast Clarke Park (4440 Lexington Road) to drop in to the skate park or roll around on the paved trail. Memorial Park (293 Gran Ellen Drive) also offers paved trails for walking or riding.



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If you're looking for a hike, Ben Burton Park (615 Mitchell Bridge Road) is a good place to start. This flat trail follows along the Oconee River and even includes the ruins of an old power station on its banks. In hot weather, take a dip in the stream feeding into it. There's also an alternate, hillside trail that will make you think you're in the mountains. Several other parks feature good trails, including Southeast Clarke Park, Sandy Creek Nature Center (205 Old Commerce Road), Sandy Creek Park (400 Bob Holman Road) and the Birchmore Trail at Memorial Park.

You can also find a host of outdoor activities at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S. Milledge Ave.). While the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden remains closed to visitors, there are lots of trails and other gardens to explore instead. Also, the new Center for Art and Nature has opened, offering a permanent exhibit of botanical-themed porcelain and a new way to enter the visitors center directly from the main parking lot.

## 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.

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

**GET LOST IN A BOOK:** While the Athens-Clarke County Library (2025 Baxter St.) is open for limited browsing, children's activities remain virtual as of press time. Visit [athenslibrary.org](http://athenslibrary.org) for a calendar of storytimes for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The library also offers an afternoon program via Facebook for themed events that focus on ideas such as STEM, seasonal topics and early literacy activities. Avid Bookshop (1662 S. Lumpkin St.) also offers virtual meet-ups for YA readers.

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



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# Parks & Recreation



**A**THENS HAS LOTS OF PUBLIC PARKS, a few of which are connected by the North Oconee River Greenway, which features several scenic miles of walking and biking paths. Amenities vary and are indicated by symbols on this page. Picnic shelters must be rented ahead of time at most parks. Athens' only public golf course is the UGA Golf Course, at 2600 Riverbend Road; Lane Creek Golf Club is in nearby Bishop. Due to COVID-19, park hours, services and guidelines may have changed. Please call ahead for more details before your visit.

## Athens-Clarke County

[accgov.com/149/Parks-Facilities](http://accgov.com/149/Parks-Facilities)

### Ben Burton Park

615 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



The 32-acre intown wildlife preserve features a hardwood forest, trails and plenty of picnic spots. 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



Large Normaltown park equipped with fields and courts for a variety of sports. Programs include

tennis, gymnastics, swimming and more. Home to the Athens Farmers Market on Saturdays from April to December.

### Boulevard Woods

298 Barber St. • 706-613-3801

Hours: sunrise-sunset



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

### Dudley Park

100 Dudley Park Road • 706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



32-acre park near downtown, by the river, with open fields and connections to the Firefly Trail and North Oconee River Greenway. Improvements are

underway, and the public is invited to stay in touch with Leisure Services about updates.

### 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 for everyone from kids to seniors, plus 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. Construction is taking place in Winterville and has been installed on the Maxeys Model Mile.

### Greenway and Riverside Parks

706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



Over seven miles of concrete for non-motorized use. Improvements are also underway and the public is invited to stay in touch with Leisure Services about updates. Connections include Dudley Park, Firefly Trail, Sandy Creek Nature Center and Sandy Creek Park. (Please note that Cook's Trail near Sandy Creek Nature Center is prone to

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



flooding, so checking the park website is advised.)  
For a list of riverside parks, see [accgov.com/6919/Riverside-Parks](http://accgov.com/6919/Riverside-Parks).

### 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



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

### Lay Park

297 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3596

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



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

### Memorial Park

293 Gran Ellen Drive • 706-613-3580

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



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

### Reese & Pope Park

375 Reese St. • 706-613-3801

Hours: sunrise-sunset



Neighborhood park with basketball courts and a playground.

### Rocksprings Community Center & Park

291 Henderson Ext. • 706-613-3603

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

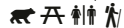


Multipurpose park with something for everyone, including a pirate-ship playground, pool and splash pad.

### Sandy Creek Nature Center

205 Old Commerce Road • 706-613-3615

Hours: Tue-Sat, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



See snakes and other live critters up close. Hike over four miles of trails through woodlands and wetlands. Discover a 19th Century log house and the ruins of a century-old brick factory. Nature Playscape construction is underway; thus, the garden area behind the Education & Visitor Center will be closed as construction continues. There are occasional short-term closures of the Greenway adjoining this construction zone, so be aware of warning signs or barricades.

### Sandy Creek Park

400 Bob Holman Road • 706-613-3631

Hours: Tue-Sun., 8 a.m.-6 p.m.



The county's largest park surrounds picturesque Lake Chapman with a beach, dog park and trails. Enjoy disc golf, picnicking, boating and fishing. Due to COVID-19, the Visitor's Center is still a restricted area. Limited reservable facilities are also still available. Cash is not being accepted to pay for entrance fees, but credit/debit cards are fine. Annual passes and punch cards will be processed as normal.

### Satterfield Park

2950 Cherokee Road • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset

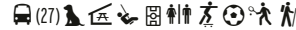


Community park with athletic fields and courts. Home to East Athens Little League play.

### Southeast Clarke Park

4440 Lexington Road • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



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

### Walker Park

200 Trail Creek St. • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



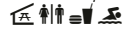
Sprawling park just minutes from downtown with a fitness zone, a popular splash pad for kids, soccer fields and mountain bike trails.

## UGA Parks

### Legion Pool

830 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-8235 • [tate.uga.edu/legionpool](http://tate.uga.edu/legionpool)

Hours: late May through July, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; first week in August, 3-7 p.m.



A historic pool with lap lanes and a bath house, Legion is enjoyed each summer by the university community and by those who join the Friends of Campus Life. **No indication of an opening for 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



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

### State Botanical Garden of Georgia

2450 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-1244 • [botgarden.uga.edu](http://botgarden.uga.edu)

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



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

## Oconee County

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

### Bogart Sports Complex

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

Hours: dawn-11 p.m.

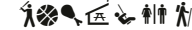


32-acre park behind the Bogart Library with lighted ballfields, multipurpose fields, playground and a half-mile trail.

### Harris Shoals Park

Harris Shoals Drive, Watkinsville • 706-769-5161

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



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

### Heritage Park

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

Hours: sunrise-sunset



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

### Herman C. Michael Park

1051 Elder Road, Bishop • 706-769-3965

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

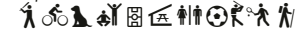


Large park with lighted fields and a free disc golf course.

### Oconee Veterans Park

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

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



Walking trails, tennis courts and multipurpose fields outside, and a gym and track inside.

## City of Winterville

### Pittard Park and Pavilion

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

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



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

## State of Georgia

### Fort Yargo State Park

210 S. Broad St., Winder • 770-867-3489 • [gastateparks.org/fortyargo](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. Due to large crowds, park staff may temporarily limit access to ensure social distancing and protection for everyone. Admission may be limited for several hours but will reopen once there is available capacity.

### 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 available for purchase. Due to large crowds, park staff may temporarily limit access to ensure social distancing and protection for everyone. Admission may be limited for several hours but will reopen once there is available capacity.



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# Athens Music

## 10 Things to Know About Athens Music

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

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

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

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

### 3. Festivals (Usually) Happen Year-Round

In normal times, spring brings the Athens Human Rights Festival, featuring two days of music downtown, and the Athens Spring Fling pops up on the Eastside. The hip hop- and gospel-centric Hot Corner Celebration takes place in early summer, followed by Athens' flagship event, AthFest, and later the punky SlopFest returns. In fall, the North Georgia Folk Festival livens Sandy Creek Park, Historic Athens PorchFest takes over neighborhoods, and the Wild Rumpus 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's Oconee School of Rock serves nearby Watkinsville.

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

The brand new Athens Music Walk of Fame debuted last season to honor the movers and shakers who helped place our town on the map as a musical destination. The walk recognizes honorees with bronze plaques that are embedded along a route that passes notable music venues. An interactive 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," a segment of live concert recordings. And a Sunday-evening program on rock station Bulldog 93.3 often features local sounds.

### 7. See Athens on the 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, Piggpen Studios and Full Moon Studio stay busy year-round. Tweed Recording Audio Production School, a world-class facility that opened downtown last year, aims to train the next generation of audio professionals.

### 9. If You Like It, Buy It

When Kindercore Vinyl opened in 2017, it became the only vinyl record manufacturing facility in the state and one of only a handful in the country. Peruse the collections at Wuxtry Records and Low Yo Yo Stuff Records, which both offer a wide variety of classic and new releases sold by super-knowledgeable clerks. Shadebeast Records, which specializes in heavy metal, punk and noise, recently relocated to a new storefront on Chase Street, while Secret Sounds, a vintage collector's dream, is operating a virtual storefront for the time being.

### 10. Flagpole Has You Covered

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# Breweries

**A**THERS IS SLOWLY EMERGING as a true craft-beer destination, with six breweries currently in operation. Sample the results of their work on the premises at most breweries, and purchase cans or crowlers (machine-sealed aluminum cans) from most of them onsite or by pick-up or at local stores. Bars and restaurants all over town have craft-minded lists featuring a wide variety of native brews. To find them all in one place along with samples from other breweries outside Athens, keep an eye out for the annual Classic City Brewfest later this summer.

## **Akademia Brewing Company**

150 Crane Drive • 678-726-2288 • [akademiabc.com](http://akademiabc.com)

Akademia is a large brewpub in a warehouse-type space off Atlanta Highway with a huge bar featuring a view of the brewing tanks. They also serve food with a full menu, and they're open seven days a week for dine-in. Offerings change daily, with lots of interesting options and tasty standbys, like IQ, a citrusy, New England-style IPA, and Skal Norwegian wheat.

## **Athentic Brewing Company**

108 Park Ave. • 706-206-2074 • [authenticbrewing.com](http://authenticbrewing.com)

Athentic is in the historic Boulevard neighborhood and features a futuristic beerwall with self-serve taps. Depending on availability, you'll be able to pick from a variety of brews, including Troublesome, a porter; Unforgettable, a double IPA; Sunshine, a wheat beer and Sister, a pale ale. To-go orders can be placed online. An Authentic Alliance membership gets you perks throughout the year.

## **Creature Comforts Brewing Company**

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

A bustling brewery in a large, semi-industrial space inside a historic building downtown, Creature Comforts also provides ample outside seating, plus a drive-through for pick-up during the week. The brewery hosts art, music and food trucks. Popular year-round offerings include Tropicalia IPA, Athena

Berliner Weisse, and Classic City Lager ("Good Cold Beer"). They also have a large selection of special offerings and limited releases on tap and in bottles.

## **Normaltown Brewing Company**

149 Oneta St. • 706-988-8501 • [facebook.com/Normaltownbrewingco](https://facebook.com/Normaltownbrewingco)

Normaltown is a "nanobrewery" producing very small, carefully crafted batches. They aren't currently bottling for distribution, but look for that coming soon. To sample their brews, like Summon the Fog, a New England-style double IPA; or Elder Masters, a West-Coast-style Imperial IPA, you can visit them in the same warehouse complex off Chase Street where the Cotton Press and Canopy are located. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons.

## **Southern Brewing Company**

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

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

## **Terrapin Beer Company**

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

In a warehouse just past Chase Street with an indoor tasting room and a huge lawn, Athens' OG craft brewery hosts live music regularly and lots of annual events, weather and COVID permitting. The company has been making beer and engaging in community service in Athens for over 15 years. Sample old favorites like the seasonable Recreation-Ale, Sound Czech pilsner or Hopsecutioner IPA, and new beers are fashioned frequently, to add to Terrapin's extensive menu. At press time, Terrapin was open for pickup only, due to the pandemic. Order online (allow 24 hours) or by phone (immediate service).

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Buckets, Crates, Totes



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Empty Aerosol Cans (Lids OFF)  
Clean Foil & Trays



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(Lids OFF)



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Paper Bags, Newspaper,  
Paperback Books, Magazines



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(pots/pans, tools, auto parts, bulky items)\*

Shredded Paper\*

Batteries or Light Bulbs\*

Plastic Cutlery

Glassware (plates, cups, mugs, windows)\*

Hangers (metal or plastic)

Wax Coated Cardboard\*\*

Napkins or Paper Towels\*\*



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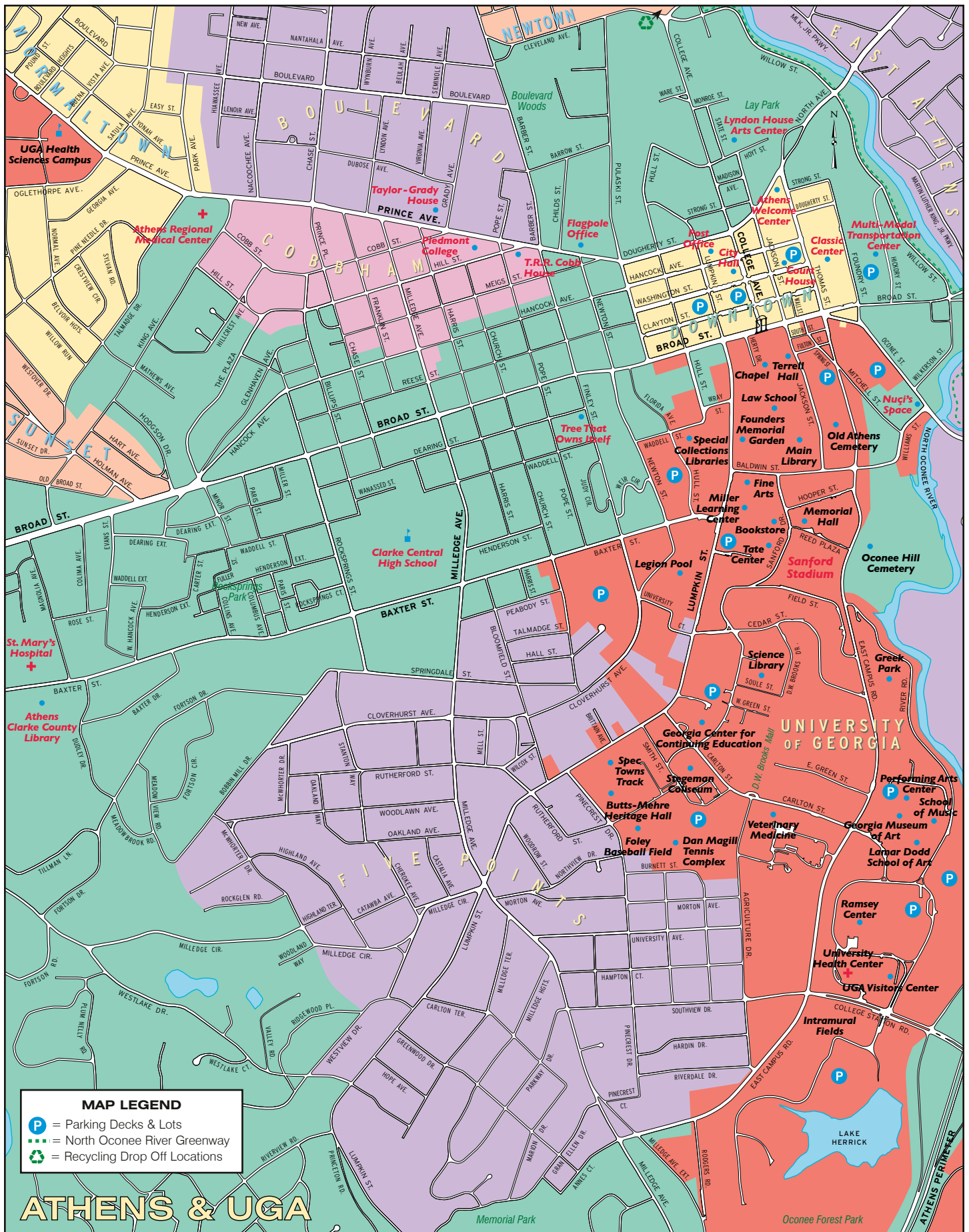


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Take Atlanta Hwy. west, then take Hwy. 316 West. Exit at I-85 S into Atlanta. Approximate travel time: 1 hour.

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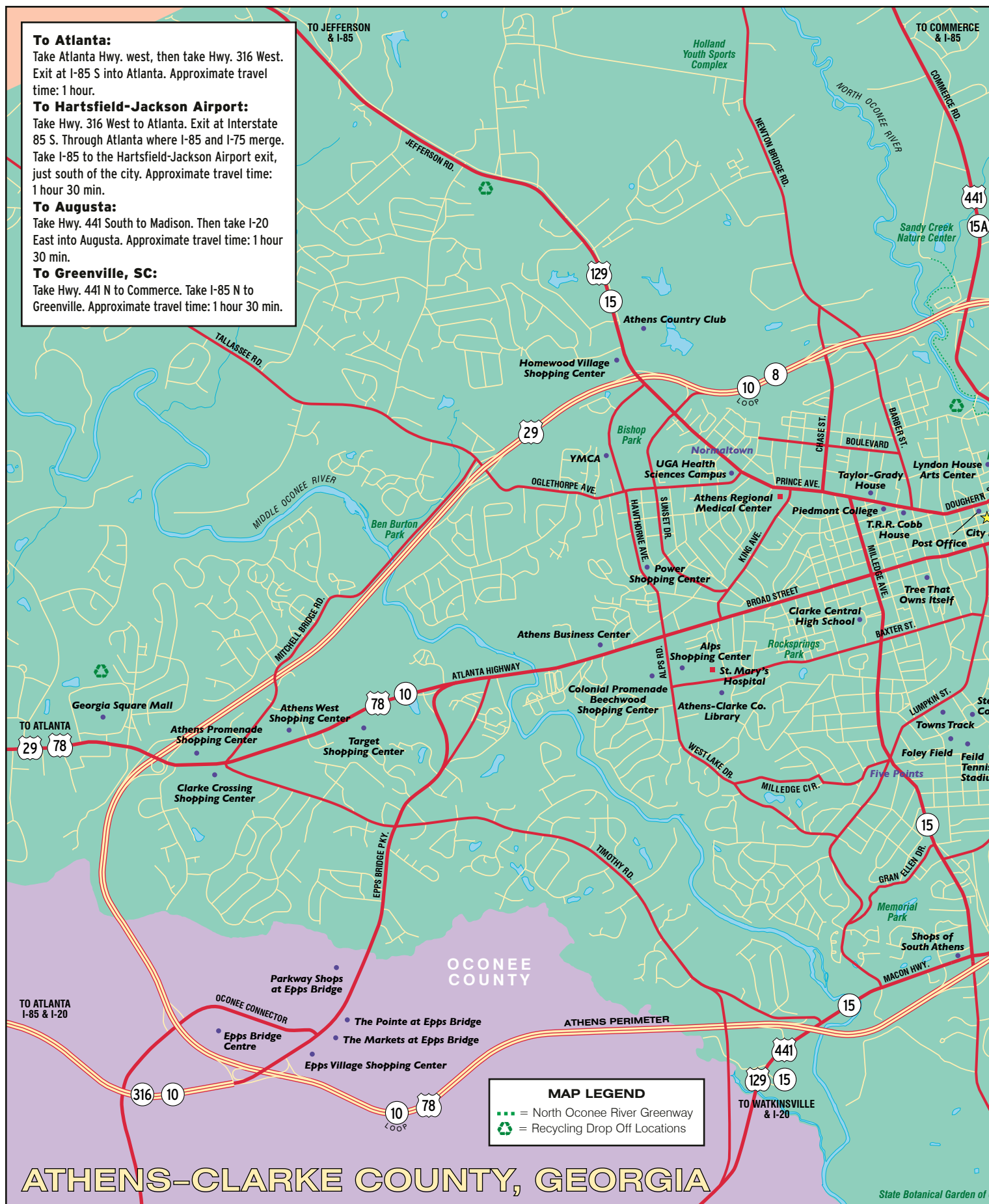
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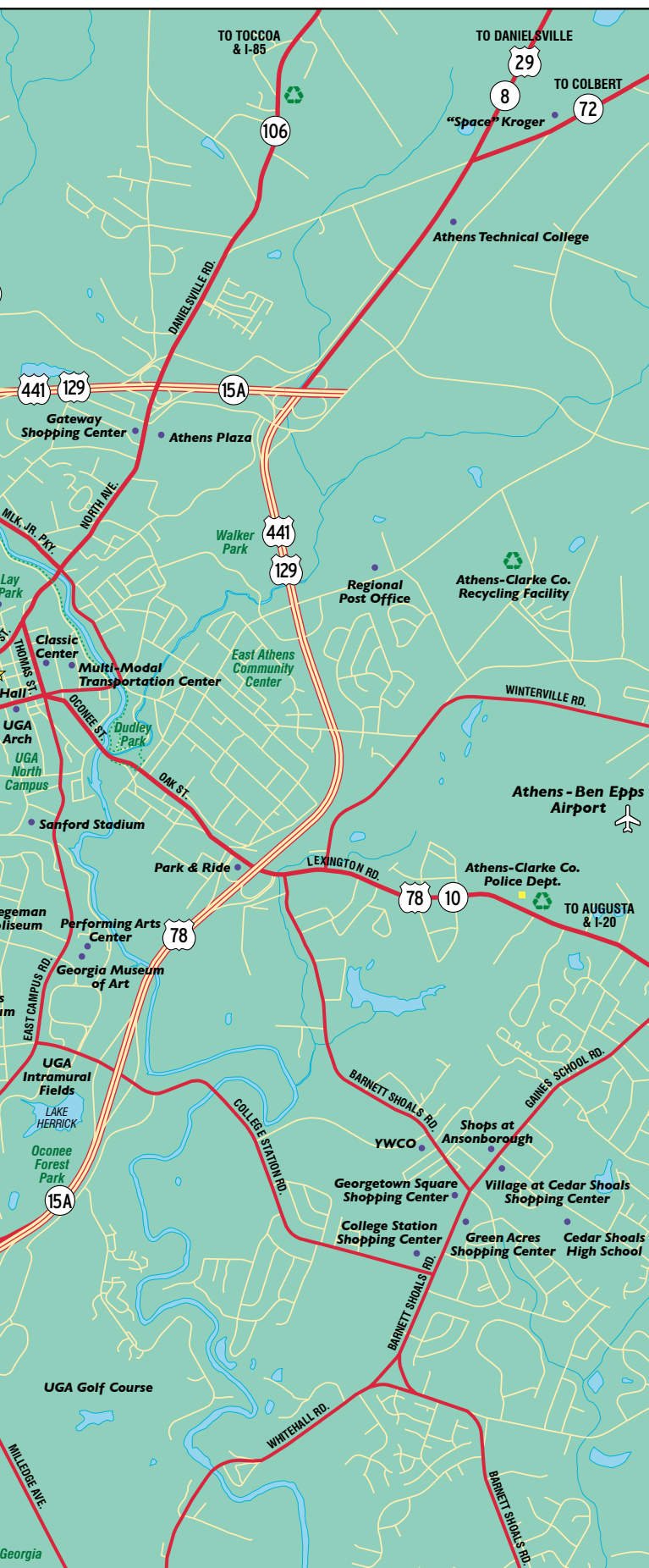
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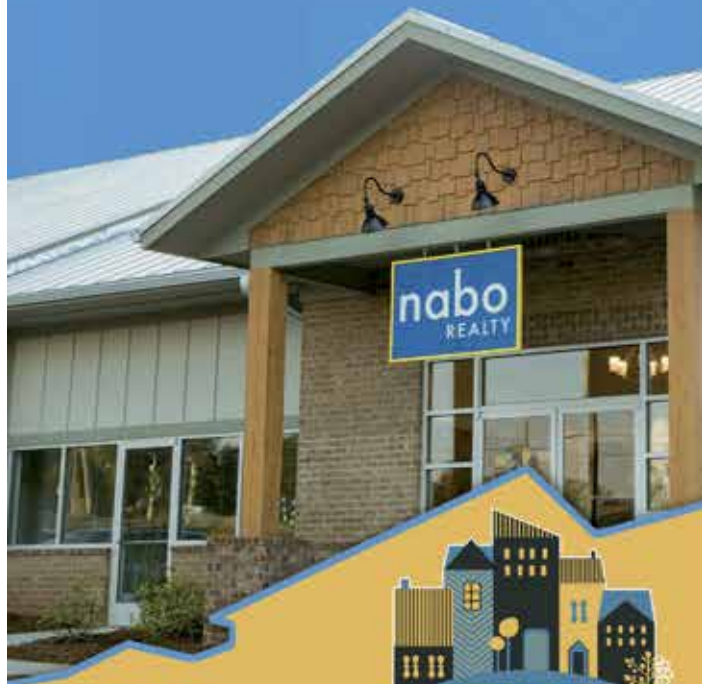
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# Restaurant & Bar Listings



## 1000 Faces Coffee

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

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

## The 11th Pin

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

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. A bowling-alley food counter located inside Showtime Bowl, but make it a little bit fancy. You can get all the things guaranteed to make your fingers greasy: burgers, fried chicken items, wings, jalapeno poppers, tots, etc. Beers by the bucket include some local and craft brews. \$

## 1785 Bar & Grill

420 E. Clayton St. • 443-579-5566  
www.facebook.com/1785Athens/

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

## 9d's Bar

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

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

## Add Drug Store

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

**FILE UNDER:** American. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. **FEATURES:** Counter service. Opened in 1961, this soda fountain and lunch counter inside a Five Points pharmacy with lots of UGA memorabilia hasn't changed much. Breakfast is sandwich-oriented. Lunch includes cute lil' burgers, excellent slaw dogs, simple and classic sandwiches and fresh, hot fries. Malt, milkshakes, floats and classic vanilla and cherry sodas. Everything is made mere feet in front of you. \$

## Agua Linda Mexican Restaurant & Cantina

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

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. This friendly, family-owned restaurant with Normaltown and Timothy locations serves Americanized Mexican basics (guac, margs, cheese dip, taco salad), but you can also find horchata, Mexican-style tacos with al pastor or barbacoa, rajas, tortas, micheladas (beer-based cocktails) and more. Kids menu. Normaltown location is renovating but has a food truck in the parking lot with seating. \$\$

## Ahi Hibachi & Poke

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

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Super-basic stripped-down restaurant that does some of the best poke around. Punch cards for repeat diners, vegetarian options, a bajillion fresh topping options, plus hibachi, fried rice, noodles and basic soups and salads. \$\$

## Akademia Brewing Co.

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

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

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

live music, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Beer is the focus at this craft brewery that has a full restaurant. Beers (available in flights) featured in many dishes, and the menu goes beyond fried cheese to actual entrees and flatbreads. \$\$\$

### Allgood Lounge

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

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

### Alumni Cookie Dough

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

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

### American Deli

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

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

### Amici

233 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-0000  
8851 Macon Hwy. • TBA  
amici-cafe.com

**FILE UNDER:** Pizza, Bars. **FEATURES:** Trivia, catering, outside seating, art, take-out, delivery, full bar, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Casual dining space with a long bar and brick walls. This small Georgia chain is known for its wings and wide variety of pizza toppings; the menu is big, with lots of sandwiches, pasta, salads and soup. Good craft brews. Macon Highway location should open this year. \$\$\$

### 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. Take-home kits, too. \$

### Athens Bagel Co.

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

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

### Athens Pizza

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

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. Locally owned pizza place with a wide variety of toppings, plus pasta (baked ziti, lasagna), subs, wings, calzones, salads and meatballs à la carte. \$\$\$

### Athens Wok

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

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

### Athentic Brewing Company

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

**FILE UNDER:** Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer. Athens' newest brewery is in the historic Boulevard neighborhood. Wide variety of brews, changing often, big patio and occasional food pop-ups. See ad on p. 27. \$

### Auntie's Home Cooking

645 Danielsville Road • 706-255-6198

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

### Automatic Pizza

1397 Prince Ave. • 706-850-2037  
facebook.com/automaticpizzathens

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Top-notch New York-style pizza by the slice or the pie, plus delicious but not giant subs, salads, cannoli, all with quality ingredients. Vegan-friendly + gluten-free options. Half-pours on beer and wine while you wait for your order. \$\$\$

### Bad Moon

246 E. Clayton St.  
instagram.com/badmoonbar

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

### Bar South

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

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

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680 N. Hwy. 29 • 706-543-5299

1180 Prince Ave.

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. 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

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-353-7166

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-546-1635

935 Highway 29 N. • 706-548-6338

dunkindonuts.com

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

### Bee's Knees Bakery & Gifts

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-3633

beeskneesbakeryandgifts.com

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

### Beef 'O' Brady's

1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-1916

beefobradys.com

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

### Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop

105 College Ave. • 706-208-0031

benjerry.com/athens

**FILE UNDER:** Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, counter service. **HOURS:** 7 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, plus Friday dinner. Lots more than bread and baked sweets, although plenty of those, too.

Supa-good French toast, eggs, quiche, nice burgers (veg and meat), big salads, tons of veggie and vegan options. Lots of beverages, boozy and non. Large outdoor patio. See ad on p. 3. \$\$\$

### Bill's Bar-B-Que

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

billssbbq.com

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ. **FEATURES:** Take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Long-time barbeque joint is known for

hash (halfway between Brunswick stew and chopped pork), which you can get in a sandwich, and chicken mull, but also has slaw dogs, hash dogs, pork, beef, burgers, hush puppies and fried catfish. Sauce is vinegary and thin. Cokes in glass bottles. \$

### Billy Meadow's Station

6729 Hwy. 72, Colbert • 706-788-3517

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

### Birrieria & Taqueria Jalisco

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

birriadejalisco.com

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

### Bitty and Beau's Coffee

1540 Lumpkin St.

www.bittyandbeauscoffee.com

**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. Opening this year. \$

### Blazer's-N-Hull

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

blazers-n-hull.com

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

### Blind Pig Tavern

312 E. Washington St. • 706-548-3442

2440 W. Broad St. • 706-208-7979

2301 College Station Road • 706-850-4919

blindpigtavern.com

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

### Blue Sky

128 College Ave. • 706-850-3153

blueskyathens.com

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

### Boar's Head Lounge

260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040

instagram.com/boarsheadlounge

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

### Bourbon Street

333 E. Broad St. • 706-369-1313

twitter.com/BourbonStAth

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

### Bread Basket

723 Boulevard • 706-548-3412

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. Downhome cooking from a counter inside a neighborhood convenience store. Fat biscuits with sausage, ham, eggs, tenderloin, cheese, gravy and more. Grits, eggs or hashbrowns on the side. Lunch items rotate and include corn dogs, chicken fingers, pork chops and fish on Fridays. \$

### Brett's Casual American Restaurant

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-1395

brettscasualamerican.com

**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, curbside pick-up, catering, outside seating, delivery, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Brett's is family-oriented, which means a menu with something for everyone and deals on kids' meals (\$2 specials Mondays and Tuesdays). Gluten-free stuff, big salads, tacos, burgers, grilled seafood and more. \$\$\$

### Bruster's Real Ice Cream

1029 Parkway Pl. • 706-850-1249

brusters.com

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

### Bubble Café

247 E. Broad St. • 706-355-3002

bubblecafeathens.com

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

### Buddha Bar

431 E. Broad St. • 706-208-7017

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

### Bulldawg Pizza, Wings & More

2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-355-3294

bulldawgpizzaandmore.com

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. Some of the biggest pizzas in town, plus wings, hot and cold subs, calzones, fried apps, pasta, salads, breadsticks and dessert. \$\$\$

### Bulldog Bistro

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-338-8781

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

**FILE UNDER:** American, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Take-out, 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. • 706-850-1111

butthuttathens.com

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

### Buvez

585 Barber St. • 706-850-0172

facebook.com/buvezathens

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

### Cabin Creek BBQ

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

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

### The Café on Lumpkin

1700 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-215-9240

thecafeonlumpkin.com

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

### Cafe Racer Coffee + Donuts

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

caferacer78.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, pick-up. **HOURS:** Breakfast and occasional pop-up dinner. Wee, darling, hipster donut place out in the country that also does amazing biscuits, great coffee and, lately, pop-up burger nights, too. Worth a drive. \$

### Cali 'N' Tito's

1254 Cedar Shoals Drive • 706-355-7087

1427 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-227-9979

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

### Carrabba's Italian Grill

3194 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-9938

carrabbas.com

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

### The Carriage House of Athens

3755 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-0385

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**FILE UNDER:** Downhome. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. All-you-can-eat Southern-style cooking off the buffet 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 place has a strong desire to push the envelope, in both its flavors and its marketing (they boast "people hate us on Yelp"). Creative bar food, good beer selection, lots of specials, cute kids menu. \$\$

### Cecilia Villaveces Cakes

610 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-3308

ceciliascakes.com

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

### Centro Bar

400 E. Clayton St. • 404-271-8440

instagram.com/centrobarathens

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

### Charlie Graingers

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-521-5767

charliegraingers.com

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

### Cheddar's Casual Cafe

2040 Oconee Connector • 706-353-0217

cheddars.com

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

### Chef Ming

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-552-3233

chefmingathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Better and healthier-than-average strip-mall Chinese, focusing on Cantonese standards. Singapore noodles, seafood with eggplant, hot pots, 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, plus chef's special Cantonese dishes. \$



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### 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 over 300 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. \$

### Chipotle

165 Alps Road • 706-548-7210

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

### Choo Choo Japanese Korean Grill Express

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-543-8888

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and sake, delivery, trivia, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. 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

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

### Chuck E. Cheese's

3654 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-6715

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

### Chuck's Fish

220 W. Broad St. • 706-395-6611

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

### Cici's Pizza

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-2424

**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

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

### City Bar

220 College Ave.

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

### Clarke's Standard

225 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-5152

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Dinner and Sunday brunch. Half bar, half restaurant, with burgers, bar snacks, mac and cheese balls and the like. \$

### Classic City Eats

1290 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-850-3092

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner; Sunday brunch. Opening in its new Watkinsville location in February, with fried chicken, burgers and bbq. \$

### Clocked!

259 W. Washington St. • 706-548-9175

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

### Cloud

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-7771

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

### Condor Chocolates

1658 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-4803

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses, Something Different. **HOURS:** Open seven days. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. Locally based small-batch chocolate shop makes stuff right in front of you: truffles, chocolate bars, coffee bars, plus drinking chocolate, coffee, gelato, toffee, etc. Vegan options. \$

### Condor Chocolates Factory

160 E. Washington St.

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

### Cozy Bar

179 N. Jackson St. • 706-543-8898

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

### The Crab Hut

2361 W. Broad St. • 706-850-6173

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Viet-Cajun fusion means boil-in-

bag seafood (crawfish is the go-to, and you can pick just how spicy you want it) with plenty of spice as well as fried baskets, salmon and shrimp burgers, corn, hushpuppies, coleslaw and wings. Milk teas among the soft drinks. \$\$

### Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

1913 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-208-0304

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

### Cravings

480 E. Broad St. • 706-850-0049

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses, Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch. Deli sandwiches (build-your-own or pick a combo), kids' meals, 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

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

### Cutters Pub

120 E. Clayton St. • 706-224-1187

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

### D.P. Dough

180 W. Broad St. • 706-842-2828

**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

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

### Dawg Gone Good BBQ

224 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-613-9799

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Hard-working family cooks up ribs, chicken, pork and sausage, plus southern-style veggies (available in small, medium and large) and fruit cobblers. Very sweet tea. Picnic tables out front. \$

### DePalma's Italian Cafe

2080 Timothy Road • 706-552-1237

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, full

bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Classic Italian in a long-time Athens restaurant. You can go simple with a slice of pizza and a salad or fancier with short rib ravioli and zuppa inglese. Vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten-free options; kids menu. Long wine list with many Italian reds and plenty of beers. See ad on p. 2. \$\$\$

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### Dickey's Barbecue Pit

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

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

### Ding Tea

125 W. Washington St. • 706-850-3737  
dingtea.com

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

### Dominick's Italian

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

**FILE UNDER:** Italian. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, full bar, reservations, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** 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. Express lunch special, sandwiches, kids menu. Big wine list, margaritas, beers, regular wine dinners. \$\$\$

### Donderos' Kitchen

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

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

### Donna Chang's

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

**FILE UNDER:** Asian. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, vegetarian friendly, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner. Cheffed-up versions of Americanized Chinese food (mu shu, General Tso's chicken). Vegetarian stuff is even better than the meatier options, like wickedly good dry-fried eggplant. A variety of ice creams made in-house for dessert. Fun, intelligently picked and described wine list; a few nice beers; fancy cocktails that can be a little retro. \$\$

### Dos Palmas Restaurant & Cantina

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

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Americanized Mexican staples done well: tacos, burritos, nachos, 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. What you'd expect for drinks but a few specialty cocktails like the Bacon Watson. \$

### Doughby's Pizza and More

50 N. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-6500  
facebook.com/DoughbysPizza

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

### Earth Fare Café

1689 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-2170  
earthfare.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Buffet, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. This health-conscious grocery store offers a hot bar featuring rotating options of veggie and vegan stuff, plus chicken and fish, soup, salad. \$\$

### Eddie's Calzones

227 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9676  
eddieiscalzones.com

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

### 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, 7 days. In between super-authentic and Tex Mex, with soft tacos, lots of dips, taco salad, combos and the like. Known for margaritas. \$

### El Bajío Restaurant and Taqueria

400 Hawthorne Ave., Ste.

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

### Em's Kitchen


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

**FILE UNDER:** American, Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery. **HOURS:**

Breakfast and lunch. Family-run eatery inside Hawthorne Drugs, does big breakfast plates, biscuits, omelets, pancakes, quiche, Benedicts, classic sandwiches (chicken salad, pimento cheese, egg salad), a surprisingly good Cuban, ice cream, milkshakes, hot dogs and robust take-home meals. See ad on p. 37. \$




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

### Farm Cart

1074 Baxter Street • 706-850-8150

thefarmcart.com

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

### Farmview Cafe

2610 Eatonton Road, Madison • 844-210-7030

farmviewmarket.com

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

### Figment Kombucha

1085 Baxter St. • 706-340-3469

figmentkombucha.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out. Small-batch kombucha made with high-quality local ingredients, available by the growler (half or full) or cup, plus solid fermented offerings, like slaw and kraut. Specific flavors change regularly. Their kombuchas are on tap at several places in town, and now available in cans. \$

### Firehouse Subs

1226 Prince Ave. • 706-357-4994

firehousesubs.com

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

### Five & Ten

1073 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-546-7300

fiveandten.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations, catering, outside seating, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Dinner. Fine dining from celebrity chef Hugh Acheson. His focus is on vegetables and careful experimentation with Southern touches. Menu changes weekly, focusing on what's in season. Wine list by James Beard nominee; unpretentious but smart cocktails; excellent after-dinner drinks. \$\$\$\$

### Five Bar

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-5515

five-bar.com

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

### Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-549-9081

fiveguys.com

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

### Flanagan's & Half Moon Pub

301 E. Clayton St. • 706-208-9711

facebook.com/FlanagansAthens

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

### Flicker Theatre & Bar

263 W. Washington St. • 706-546-0039

flickertheatreandbar.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating, movies, art, trivia. Chill townie bar with cult film nights, grown-up slushies, nice beer selection, retro cocktails and wine. Pouch savory pies available when you're hungry. \$

### Flying Biscuit

1180 Prince Ave.

flyingbiscuit.com

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

### Food for the Soul

1965 W. Broad St. • 706-546-0052

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

### Four Fat Cows

723 Baxter St. • 706-850-8510

fourfatcows.com

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

### Fox's Pizza Den

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

foxspizzaoconee.com

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

### Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers

2050 Oconee Connector • 706-354-0671

freddysusa.com

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

### Fresh Air Bar-B-Que

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

1110 Hull Road • 706-546-6060

freshairbbq.com

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Hull location has an expanded menu, with ribs, shrimp or catfish depending on the day. Both locations have classics like chopped pork and

chicken, Brunswick stew, baked beans, chicken tenders and banana pudding. Family and tailgating specials. \$

### Frutta Bowls

245 Oconee St. • 706-514-0060

fruttabowls.com

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

### 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, outdoor seating, take-out. **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. Kids menu. You may recognize the Five Points location as the former Waffle House. \$

### Fuzzy's Taco Shop

265 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-0305

fuzzystacoshop.com

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

### G Brand BBQ

1140 Athens Road, Crawford • 706-743-7000

gretschbrothersangus.com/g-brand-bbq

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take out, 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. \$\$

### 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, with a MAGA crowd. **DRINKS:** Southern-themed cocktails. \$

### Genesis

1700 Commerce Road • 706-351-4174

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

### George's Lowcountry Table

420 Macon Hwy. • 706-548-3359

georgeslowcountrytable.com

**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, reservations, outside seating, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. Grown-up restaurant in a new location serves Gulf and low country classics: étouffée, shrimp and grits, sherry crab bisque, oysters, jambalaya and more. Good wine list, beer and Southern-accented cocktails. \$\$\$

### Girasoles

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

girasoleswatkinsville.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** DINNER. Mexican-accented fusion restaurant has



its popular brunch on pause but is still doing dinner with steaks, seafood, pasta, jambalaya, shrimp and grits, escargot, chicken in a roasted garlic mushroom cheese sauce and more. Specials change weekly. \$\$\$

### Golden Dragon

126 Alps Road • 706-552-1688

athensgoldendragon.com

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

### Golden Sun Chinese Restaurant

4375 Lexington Road • 706-549-3388

goldensuninathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Countless classic options, 30 chef's specials, 50 different lunch specials and Peking duck (if you order ahead). A lighter fare section offers steamed MSG-free meals low in sodium; lots of tofu choices. \$\$\$

### The Grill

171 College Ave. • 706-543-4770

www.thegrillathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night. Punk rock diner decorated with cute toys does burgers, hot sandwiches and tons of veggie choices, plus good milkshakes. \$

### Grindhouse Killer Burgers

1553 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-612-9327

grindhouseburgers.com

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

### The Grit

199 Prince Ave. • 706-543-6592

thegrit.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Weekend brunch. An Athens classic for decades. Yes, it's vegetarian and sometimes vegan, but it's reliably delicious and not always healthy. Big menu drawing inspiration from around the world plus many daily veggies on the chalkboard. Breakfast (on hold during COVID) and brunch bring burritos, pancakes, omelets and more. Excellent cakes and pies that can be ordered whole (with advance notice) or by the slice. \$\$\$

### Groove Burgers

1791 Oconee Connector • 762-499-5699

grooveburgers.com

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

### Half-Shepherd Market & Cheese Shop

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

halfshepherd.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. Cheese shop and neighborhood market in

Normaltown normally does a good lunch, with sandwiches, soups and salads, plus specials. In COVID times, it's sticking to groceries, which you can order online, with a huge array of cheeses, meats, nice wines and stuff to make yourself a little party. Here's hoping the grilled cheese returns at some point. \$

### Heirloom Cafe and Fresh Market

815 N. 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. Very accommodating of diet restrictions and preferences; Southern-inspired but not heavy. Seasonal artisan cocktails, some named for the area. Good wines and beers. Large patio for seating. See ad on p. 29. \$\$\$



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### Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050

hendershotscoffee.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, live music, art, Wi-Fi, outside seating. **HOURS:** Open seven days. Coffee drinks, nitro coffee, teas and juices all day pair with a rotating menu from the Plate Sale. 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, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Is it a bar or a restaurant? It's clearly both. Good hot dogs, corn dogs and veggie dogs with an array of toppings, fried cheese galore, tons of veggie and vegan choices, salads and more. Excellent beer selection includes half pours to see if you like something; also whiskeys, classic cocktails and juice for kids. \$

### Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet

2020 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-8777

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

### 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. \$\$\$

### 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

homemadeathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, take-out, full bar. Chef Mimi Maumus ventures around the South in her menu, making frequent use of unusual ingredients. Lots of vegetables, including the amazing tomato pie. It's refined but never snooty and a popular catering choice. 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. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. National Viet/Cajun seafood chain with boil-in-bag options. Pick your seafood, sauce, spice level and add-ins to customize your order. Also: sides, salads, po'boys, raw bar, fried seafood baskets. \$\$\$

### Ideal Bagel

815 W. Broad St. • 706-353-0005

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**FILE UNDER:** Bakeries, Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. Homage to a classic deli, with nice, small bagels, excellent house-smoked fish and sandwiches (either on bagels or on Luna bread). Sandwiches involve meats sliced in front of you but also hummus, roasted veggies, sauerkraut and scrambled eggs. Kids meals. \$

### Independent Baking Co.

1625 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3550

independentbaking.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. New owner hasn't changed how good the bread (made with house-milled wheat) and viennoiserie are. Check the case for specials, like beautiful galettes made with local fruit, but nothing here is frothy or overdone. Counter Culture coffee and a limited selection of cookies. Products available at a few other places around town. \$

### Inoko Express

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, dinner, full bar, lunch, outside seating, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Warm, family-run Persian charmer has great options for meat and veggies. Anything with eggplant is guaranteed delicious. Great specials, kids menu, including pizza. \$\$\$

### Iron Factory

255 W. Washington St. • 706-395-6877

ironfactoryinc.com

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

### J&J Flea Market

11661 Hwy. 441 N. • 706-613-2410

jandjfleamarket.com

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

### J Buffalo Wings

196 Alps Road • 706-850-2095

1805 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-0823

jbuffalo.com

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

### J. Christopher's

1650 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3520

jchristophers.com

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

### Jason's Deli

140 Alps Road • 706-425-4950

jasonsdeli.com

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

### Jennings Mill Drug Company

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

jenningsmilldrugcompany.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch. Drugstore soda fountain with sandwiches: pimento cheese, chicken salad, grilled cheese, Southwestern chicken wrap, spinach salad with egg, bacon and poppyseed dressing. Also chili dogs, slaw dogs, soups, PB&J, fro-yo and milkshakes. \$

### Jersey Mike's

690 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-353-4655

jerseymikes.com

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

### Jimmy John's Gourmet Subs

600 Baxter St. • 706-613-0500

2301 College Station Road • 706-543-5411

jimmyjohns.com

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

### Jinya Ramen Bar

351 E. Broad St. • 706-478-0880

jinya-ramenbar.com

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

### Jittery Joe's Coffee

UGA Miller Learning Center • 706-549-2124

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

1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-354-8000

1480 Baxter St. • 706-548-1099

1230 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-1979

297 E. Broad St. • 706-613-7449

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-354-8900

jitteryjoes.com

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

### The Tasting Room at Jittery Joe's Roasting Company

425 Barber St. • 706-227-2161

jitteryjoes.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Mon-Sat. Fresh-roasted beans by the pound — whole or ground; cups of coffee, teas and shots of espresso, all out of a quonset hut where the actual roasting is done in an unprepossessing parking lot. Normally hosts lots of events and food truck/market pop-ups. \$

### Joe and Sam's Café

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

www.joeandsams.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, drive thru. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch; open until 8 p.m. for coffee. Jittery Joe's coffee drinks, biscuits and breakfast plates in the a.m. Lunch features classic sandwiches, soups, salads, kids menu. Baked goods, too. \$

### Johnny's New York Style Pizza

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-354-1515

johnnypizza.com

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

### Journey Juice

1428 Prince Ave. • 706-850-0707

journeyjuice.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Seven days. Raw, organic, cold-pressed and unpasteurized fruit and vegetable juices that are also delicious and pre-packaged for easy transporting. \$

### Just Pho... and More

1063 Baxter St. • 706-850-1420

facebook.com/justphoandmore

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, art, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. The "and more" part of the name is accurate. Lots of pho (beef broth-based noodle soup customizable with lots of additions; available in a veggie version), but also com (rice with grilled meat), bun (noodles), banh mi, etc. Bubble tea, fruit smoothies, pastries in the case. \$\$\$

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### Kelly's Jamaican Food

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145 Epps Bridge Road • 706-369-5400

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**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly.  
**FEATURES:** Beer, catering, counter service, outside seating.  
**HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Be prepared for some serious spice. Jerk chicken, oxtail, curry goat, barbecue ribs, salmon, spicy cabbage, spicy squash, rice and peas, fried plantains, mac and cheese, patties, super-sweet tea and cornbread. Kelly has a cookbook/memoir, too. \$\$

### Kiki's Bakeshop

20 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-6766  
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**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, take-out.  
**HOURS:** Mon.–Sat. All kinds of baked goods, sweet and savory, plus pimiento cheese, chicken salad, tuna salad and hummus in the cold case. Specialty cakes and pies orderable in advance. Holiday menus. \$\$

### Knuckies Pizza and Hoagies

115 Hickory St. • 706-395-4458  
knuckiespizzaandhoagies.com

**FILE UNDER:** Pizza, Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Small Georgia franchise that serves up Boar's Head meats and cheeses on a sandwich or a pie. Also: hot dogs, kids menu. \$\$

### Krimson Kafe

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

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating, art. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon.–Sat. Friendly small-town café is currently requiring you to call your order in ahead of time. Deli sandwiches (including pimiento 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. • 678-661-0571

lacabanawatkinsville.com

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and Latin American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Americanized Mexican with queso, burritos, combo plates, fajitas, quesadillas and lots of lunch specials. Yes, you can get a margarita or a 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. Rainbow-hued palace of paletas and helados, attached to La Jalisco grocery store and taqueria does a huge array of housemade frozen treats (filled popsicles are notable), plus street-food snacks like Cheetos with crema and Valentina, chopped fruit with chile and chile-flavored candies. \$

### La Michoacana Es Natural

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

**FILE UNDER:** Ice Cream and Smoothies, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Outside seating. **HOURS:** Seven days. Astonishingly good Mexican ice cream shop that makes flavors fresh in-store daily, as well as gorgeous paletas full of fruit, rolitos (rolled ice cream), smoothies, aguas frescas and street-food snacks like Doritos and loaded potato chips. Tostadas de ceviche on Fridays plus specials like tamales. A food truck appears at the J&J and there's a counter inside the Eastside Cali 'N' Tito's. \$

### La Superior Bakery

9029 Hwy. 29 S., Hull • 706-521-8244  
facebook.com/lasuperiorbakery

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

### La Tienda Los Amigos

109 Rowe Road • 706-543-9637  
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**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Walk inside the grocery store to find this taco counter. Bangin' tacos, tortas, burritos and a few other things, all made with meat available at the butcher's counter next door. Homemade tortillas are super-fresh on the weekends. Horchata and aguas frescas with tamarind, pineapple and hibiscus to drink. \$

### The Lark Winespace

493 Prince Ave. • 706-850-5455  
thelarkwinespace.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Wine, Outside Seating. **HOURS:** Closed Mondays. Like The Expat's approach to drinks? The Lark is from the same folks, retailing and pouring a smart, fun selection of wines. Light eats, too, picked to accompany the wines nicely, and small pours. \$\$

### Larry's Giant Subs

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-227-7298  
larryssubs.com

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

### Last Resort Grill

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

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

### Lickin' Chicken

377 Oak St. • 706-850-6722  
facebook.com/lcathens

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



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1040 Gaines School Road • 706-308-8885

lilicecreamdude.com

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

### Lindsey's Culinary Market

520 N. Thomas St. • 706-353-0558

lindseysculinarymarket.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch. Hot and cold lunch six days a week, plus catering. Salads (chicken salad and the like, plus bowls of greens and vegetables), soups, lots of veggies that change daily. Cookies, fancy chocolates, candy and gift items available, too. \$\$

### Little City Diner

135 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-7590

littlecitydiner.com

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

### Little Italy

125 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-7100

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

### Little Kings Shuffle Club

223 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-369-3144

facebook.com/lkshuffleclub

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

### 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. The space is adaptable for private parties, fashion and film events. Meeting spot for the Athens Dart League. **DRINKS:** 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.

thelocal706.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Sports bar and grill in the middle of Five Points with the motto "Friends, Food and Fun." Lunch is meat and three. Dinner brings flatbreads, sandwiches, burgers, salads, fried cheese, wings, kids' menu. 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 sportsbar chain has a big menu with lots of vegetarian choices, deli sandwiches, burgers, salads, grilled cheese and chili combo, wings, fish tacos. \$\$

### Longhorn Steakhouse

2170 W. Broad St. • 706-548-0054

longhornsteakhouse.com

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

### Lord's Bar

251 W. Clayton St.

lordsbarathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** New bar coming soon in the former That Bar location. \$

### Los Primos Taqueria Express

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

losprimos.express

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Fast-casual Mexican from the folks who own La Cabana, both drive-thru and dine-in, with tacos, enchiladas, burritos, rice bowls, kids' menu and more. \$

### Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant

1880 Hwy. 29 N. • 706-227-8308

facebook.com/losreyesmxrest

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

### 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. **HOURS:** Breakfast and dinner, seven days. Hotel Indigo's restaurant serves heavy and light breakfast, with some locally made baked goods. Dinner brings both fancy bar snacks and full meals. Nice cocktails might include house-infused peach bourbon, High West vodka or blackberries. \$\$

### Maepole

1021 N. Chase St. • 706-850-3600

maepole.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. A way to make you eat your veggies and like it. Pick a base (brown rice, quinoa, sweet potatoes, salad greens), then a protein, two veggie sides and a housemade sauce. Menu changes seasonally and food is ready in no time. Condor Chocolates and La Michoacana paletas for dessert. Kids meals. Gluten-free choices. Everything is recyclable or compostable. \$\$



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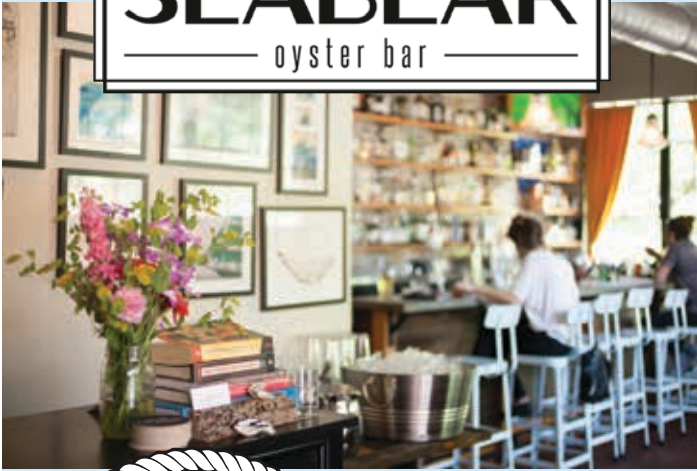
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### Magnolias

312 E. Broad St. • 706-543-0797

facebook.com/magnoliasathens

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

### Main Moon Restaurant

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

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

### Mama Ning's Thai

2 S. Main St., Ste.101 • 706-705-1012

www.mamaningsthai.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian. **FEATURES:** Take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch, Tue–Sun. Brand-new Thai place in the middle of downtown Watkinsville does curries, noodles, soups. Desserts from Sweetie Pie by Savie. Kids menu. \$\$

### Mama Sid's Pizza

2240 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-6100

mamasidspizza.net

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

### Mama's Boy

197 Oak St. • 706-548-6249

8851 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8550

mamasboyathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome, Vegetarian Friendly.

**FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, counter service, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Tues–Sun. Two locations help spread out the diners at this popular updated Southern resto that focuses on breakfast all day. Chow down on biscuits, chocolate cake, strawberry lemonade, various egg dishes, pimento cheese-topped burgers

and more. Lots of great sides and family meals for pick-up. Very accommodating to those with special dietary needs. See ad on p. 35. \$\$



### Manhattan Café

337 N. Hull St. • 706-369-9767

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

### Mannaweenta

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-850-8422

https://mannaweenta.wixsite.com/home

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Equally good for meat-eaters and vegans, this wonderfully hospitable Ethiopian spot does lots of beef dishes, but also lentils, tomatoes and onions, all served with chewy, pancake-like injera bread. Ethiopian tea and coffee, plus cookies. \$\$

### Marker 7 Coastal Grill

1195 Milledge Ave. • 706-850-3451

marker7coastalgrill.com

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

### 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. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Family-owned local Italian place has a big menu of primi and secondi, plus antipasti. Craving veal or chicken marsala, saltimboca, cacciatore or something of the sort? They have it, plus lots of traditional seafood preparations and Italian wine. \$\$\$

### Marti's at Midday

1280 Prince Ave. • 706-543-3541

martisatmidday.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Southern-style lunch (tarragon chicken salad, pimento cheese, other salads with great pita chips, smoked turkey sandwich with apricot mayo), plus take-home entrees and casseroles, weekday breakfast, all made with copious amounts of love. \$\$

### Mayflower Restaurant

171 E. Broad St. • 706-548-1692

mayflowerrestaurant.weebly.com

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

### Mediterranean Grill

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-543-5000

mediterraneangrill.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, catering, 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 country karaoke. **DRINKS:** Cold domestic beer and generous liquor pours. \$

### Mellow Mushroom

320 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-0892

mellowmushroom.com

**FILE UNDER:** Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, trivia, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Yes, it's a chain, but it feels like part of Athens. Lots of toppings and specialty pies, plus pretzels, salads, subs, calzones and munchies; good beer selection. \$\$

### Menchie's

196 Alps Road • 706-208-7223

menchies.com

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

### Mifflin House

2467 Jefferson Road • 706-850-6806

facebook.com/mifflins

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

### Moe's Southwest Grill

1320 Baxter St. • 706-369-7776

moes.com

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

### Molly's Coffee Company

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

mollyscoffeeco.com

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

### Moonshine Bar

275 E. Clayton St.

facebook.com/moonshineathens

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

### 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. Pho, of course, but other delicious Vietnamese standards, too, including banh mi sandwiches, crepes, summer rolls, claypots and rice dishes. Vietnamese coffee, fruit slushies, bubble tea and coconut juice to drink. \$\$

### Munch Hut

175 E. Broad St. • 706-850-7150

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. New restaurant coming soon in the former Gyro Wrap location. \$

### The National

232 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-549-3450

thenationalrestaurant.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Reservations, catering, curbside pick-up, outside seating, Wi-Fi, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Mediterranean-inspired and chef-driven food that loves vegetables. The "power lunch" (an ever-changing array of healthy, colorful veggie items) is always a great choice, but everything on the menu is good and focused on sustainability as well as keeping your tastebuds happy. Great wine list and cocktails. New garage doors allow for open-air dining with some walls and a roof. \$\$\$\$

### Nedza's Waffles

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-8331

nedzas.com

**FILE UNDER:** Ice cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Delivery, catering, outside seating.



**Hours:** Breakfast and lunch. Former mobile business turned brick-and-mortar does both liege waffles and crowaffles, fun doughnuts in intense flavors and now biscuits with pulled pork, sausage, fried chicken and homemade jams as well as coffee drinks. Vegan and gluten-free offerings. Lots of compliments. \$

### New Red Bowl Asian Bistro

1935 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-227-7888  
newredbowl.com

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

### Newk's Eatery

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-543-5700  
newks.com

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

### Normal Bar

1365 Prince Ave. • 706-548-6186  
facebook.com/normal.bar.7

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

### Nothing Bundt Cakes

1021 Dowdy Road • 706-400-6950  
nothingbundtcakes.com

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

### Nowhere Bar

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

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

### Off the Vine Produce

302 Athens Road, Winterville • 706-899-0400  
facebook.com/offthevinewinterville

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

### The Office Sports Bar and Grill

135 W. Washington St. • 706-521-5898  
theofficeathensga.com

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

### Oglethorpe Garage

1560 Oglethorpe Ave. • 706-850-8810  
facebook.com/oglethorpegarage

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Outside Seating, Full Bar. **Hours:** Mon–Sat. Neighborhood bar and

motorcycle shop/hang-out also has snacks and a nice patio. Sports on TV, howdies, frosé. \$\$

### The Old Pal

1320 Prince Ave. • 706-850-4340  
theoldpal.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, take-out. Seasonally focused cocktails, made with knowledge and care. Classics, with the year they were invented, and new things all listed on a well designed menu. Deep list of good spirits, plus some judiciously chosen wines and beers. \$

### The Olive Garden

3666 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-2225  
olivegarden.com

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

### On the Rocks

255 E. Clayton St. • 706-354-6666  
twitter.com/ontherocksuga

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

### Osteria Athena

323 E. Broad St. • 706-353-3911  
osteriaathena.com

**FILE UNDER:** Italian. **FEATURES:** Catering, dinner, full bar, curbside pick-up, take-out. **Hours:** Dinner. Italian standards (housemade pasta, chicken marsala, eggplant parm, carpaccio, caprese), all well seasoned and well executed. Gluten-free options and a kids menu. Italian beer and wine. \$\$\$

### Outback Steakhouse

3585 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-6015  
outback.com

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

### Outtakes

1793 Oconee Connector • 706-355-9122  
196 Alps Road • 706-546-1011  
gtcmovies.com

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

### 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 diner. Former Inoko Express is now open under a new name, doing sushi, hibachi, ramen, fried rice. Kids menu. Specials are a good deal. \$\$

### Paloma Park

235 W. Washington St.

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Full bar. Tapas, charcuterie, cocktails and more in this new place opening soon downtown in the former Max location. \$\$

### Panera Bread

3151 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-6812  
panerabread.com

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

### Pauley's Original Crepe Bar

134 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-0034  
pauleyscrepebar.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. **Hours:** Lunch and dinner. Crepe-based restaurant by day (with savory and sweet options, plus non-pancake-based foods) turns into a busy bar by night, offering over 150 beers, including 28 on tap (customers who try 100 beers are recognized on the Around the World Beer Club wall), wines, cocktails. \$\$

### Peach Pit Cafe

321 Athens Road, Winterville • 706-899-0001  
facebook.com/PeachPitCafe

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

### Peking Restaurant

2725 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-549-9333  
westpekingathens.com

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

### Pelican's Snoballs

510 Baxter St.  
pelicanssnoballs.com

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

### Peppino's

950 Whitehall Road • 706-613-1616  
peppinospizzeria.homestead.com

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

### The Picnic Basket Meal Market

1973 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-705-1292  
picnicbasketmealmarket.com

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

### The Pine

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

**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outdoor seating, curbside pick-up. **Hours:** Lunch and dinner. Bar focused restaurant with tapas, oysters, charcuterie and fancy cheese from Half-Shepherd. Great whiskey selection, craft beer, a few wine options. \$\$\$

### Pita Pit

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

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

### Pizza Hut

1995 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-6100  
1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-208-3399  
680 U.S. Hwy. 29 N., Hull • 706-354-0225  
pizzahut.com

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

### The Place

229 E. Broad St. • 706-850-2988  
theplaceathens.com

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

### 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, outdoor seating, checks. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Fri. Country cooking with a buffet that changes daily. Expect fried chicken, steak and gravy, barbecue pork, meatloaf, turnip greens, mashed potatoes, yams and Southern desserts. AYCE. \$

### 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 Rd. • 706-850-8599

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Peripatetic Peruvian restaurant has a new location, inside a small grocery store on the Eastside, but is worth seeking

out, as usual. Excellent ceviche, magical roasted/grilled chicken with cilantro-infused rice, good lomo saltado, seafood specials, tallarin (spaghetti) and tortas. \$

### 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. Locally owned steakhouse also does crab cakes, chicken, shrimp scampi and other things that aren't red meat. Lunch includes a fried green tomato sandwich, grilled salmon BLT, she-crab soup. \$\$\$

### Pub on Main

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

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

### Pulaski Heights BBQ

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

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** BYOB, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sat. Excellent meats smoked daily, which means when they're out, they're out. No dine-in during pandemics. Pescatarians and vegetarians will find plenty to eat. Ramen on Wednesdays. Housemade pickles, vinegar-lime slaw, smoked potato salad, tacos and the Redneck Reuben, one of the best sandwiches in town bar none. \$

### 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, outdoor 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), sliders made with tostones instead of a bun, 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. Choose among pork chops, chicken, fish and more, plus fried chicken livers and a host of vegetable sides. 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 Jamaican To Go Restaurant

585 Vine St., Ste. 3 • 706-850-4164  
https://rashecuisine.com/

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, Take-Out, Delivery, Vegetarian Friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and early dinner. Rashe Malcom makes delicious, healthful Jamaican food, both meat and veggie focused: veggie roti, oxtail, goat, fish, rice and peas and more, plus bags of farmers' market veggies. Food truck, 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  
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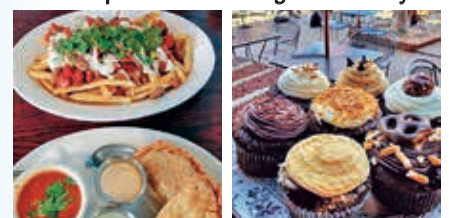
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**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. Dive bar “serving hangovers since 1991” features neon lighting and friendly bartenders. Conveniently located next door to pizza. \$\$

### The Rook and Pawn

294 W. Washington St. • 706-543-5040

therookandpawn.com

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

### The Root

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-0059

therootathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. This bar in the basement of The Pine also does small plates from upstairs, like pimento cheese crostinis, crab fritters, oysters and meat and cheese selections. Plenty of craft beer, hand-crafted cocktails and whiskey. \$\$

### The Rowdy Goose

364 E. Broad St.

facebook.com/TheRowdyGoose

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. This college bar has a rooftop patio, a focus on boozy slushies (made with cane sugar), a shot wheel if you're indecisive and a beer pong table. \$\$

### The Royal Peasant

1675 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-549-7920

royalpeasant.com

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

### Ru San's

196 Alps Road • 706-552-0488

rusansathens.com

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

### Sake Mama

166 E. Clayton St.

instagram.com/sakemamauga

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

### Sakura Steak House

3557 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-0001

1225 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-2027

sakuraathens.com

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

### Sandbar

220 College Ave. • 404-271-8440

instagram.com/sandbarathens

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. Beach-themed college bar lets you take a shot off a surfboard or choose from “blackout buckets,” frozen drinks and a full bar to cover all the refreshments you need. \$

### Saucehouse Barbeque

830 W. Broad St. • 706-363-3351

saucehouse.com

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Thurs–Sun. Giant barbeque place that has pork, brisket, ribs, tofu, chicken fingers, slaw, beans, fried okra, potato salad and bread pudding. Bulk orders, too, and margaritas available for take-out. \$\$

### The Savannah Room

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-6341

hotel.uga.edu

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

### Schlotszky'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. \$

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### Scott & BJ's BBQ

4007 Danielsville Road • 706-546-1005

**FILE UNDER:** BBQ. **FEATURES:** Cash and checks only. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. It's not quite out in the boonies, but it is a bit off the beaten path. Quality barbeque pork, chicken, beef and ribs with beans, hash, slaw, potato salad, collard greens and seasonal vegetables. Sauce is hot and thin. **\$\$**

### 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. Nashville hot chicken sandwiches available on a scale from "not spicy" to "reaper," 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 course, from much farther afield than the Gulf, plus smart, tasty small plates, including an awesome grilled cheese, scallop fried rice, lobster roll, veggie-loving dishes. Menu changes often. Beer, wine, absinthe, sake, serious cocktails and frozen Negronis. See ad on p. 38. **\$\$\$**



### Sr. Sol

2455 W. Broad St. • 706-850-7112

175 Tallassee Road • 706-546-1570

facebook.com/SrSolRestaurants

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

### Shane's Rib Shack

680 U.S. Hwy. 29 N. • 706-549-9135

shanesribshack.com

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

### Shokitini

251 W. Clayton St. • 706-353-7933

shokitini.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Karaoke, full bar, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. Not the place for a quiet night out but good for a party. Long menu of sushi and sashimi as well as fried softshell crab, dumplings, land proteins (steak, chicken), lobster, noodles and desserts. Hot and cold sake, saketinis, wine, mostly domestic beer but a few Japanese brews. **\$\$\$**

### Silver Dollar

262 College Ave. • 706-353-3093

facebook.com/silverdollarathens

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. This clean, classic college bar is especially popular on game days. Play darts or grab some air on a covered outdoor patio. Ten beers on tap, well drinks and daily specials. **\$**

### Sips Espresso Café

1390 Prince Ave. • 706-363-7211

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

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

### Siri Thai Cuisine

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-850-3500

sirithaiathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, delivery, outdoor seating, take-out, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. Somewhat upscale Thai restaurant does dishes that can be easily adapted for vegetarians. Noodles, rice entrees, soups, salads, curries and a Thai dessert selection. Spice level can be serious. Lunch specials. A couple of Thai beers among the domestics, sakes and a section of organic wines. **\$\$**

### Sister Louisa's Church

254 W. Clayton St. • 706-850-3668

sisterlouisaschurch.com

**FILE UNDER:** Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. Welcoming, goofy scene with velvet paintings, Pee-Wee Herman dolls and satirical religious art. Dance, play ping-pong and enjoy complimentary Goldfish crackers. Try the house sangria. **\$**

### Smoothie King

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2600

smoothieking.com

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

### South Kitchen and Bar

247 E. Washington St. • 706-395-6125

southkitchenbar.com

**FILE UNDER:** American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering. **HOURS:** Brunch, lunch and dinner. Located in the ornate lobby of the former Georgian Hotel. Small plates like goat cheese fritters or large plates with burgers, salmon and lamb chops. Gluten-free menu. Rotating draft beers in full or half pours, good wines 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, trivia. Lots of outdoor space and a wide variety of beers, with standards like the Red and Black Berliner and Hobnail IPA on tap. The brewery also offers small-batch, seasonal releases and lots of sours. **\$**

### Square One Fish Co.

1298 Prince Ave. • 706-353-8862

squareonefishco.com

**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, full bar. **HOURS:** Dinner. Sunday brunch. Seafood from Florida, raw and cooked: fried sardines, seafood tower, snow crab clusters, regular specials and some land animals if you don't like briny things. Brunch includes omelets and fish tacos. Lots of local beers, wines and cocktails. **\$\$\$**

### Starland Pizzeria and Pub

145 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-8773

starlandpizza.com

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

### Strickland's Restaurant

4723 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-548-7003

stricklandsrestaurant.com

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

### Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream

40 W. Broad St., Suite • 706-850-1668

www.subzeroicecream.com

**FILE UNDER:** Ice cream. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Open seven days. Science-based frozen treat franchise makes your ice cream to order, flash-freezing it. **\$**

### Suncatcher Café

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

facebook.com/suncatchercafe

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

### Sweetie Pie by Savie

150 E. Whitehall Road • 706-850-9255

sweetiepiebysavie.com

**FILE UNDER:** Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Tue–Sat. This darling bakery does Asian-inspired as well as Western sweets, including fancy custom cakes, taro croissants, cupcakes, mini pies, bar cookies and anything you can imagine with fondant. Savory things, too, including scones and mini quiches. Espresso and drip coffee, online ordering and custom orders of all kinds. **\$**

### The Table Bistro

1075 Baxter St., B102 • 706-395-6599

mkt.com/thetableathens

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

### Taco Stand

2270 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-5481

670 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-549-2894

facebook.com/thetstand

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

### Tacos los Plebes

675 Danielsville Road • 706-850-8077

http://tacos-los-plebes.edan.io/

**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, carnitas, barbacoa, asada and tripa. Menudo on weekends, horchata and great sopes. **\$**



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### Tacuari Sabor Latino

2131 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-705-6333  
1550 Oglethorpe Ave.

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**FILE UNDER:** Mexican and South American, Bakeries.

**FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, full bar, take-out.

**HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Our only Uruguayan restaurant, with some burritos and tacos but also choripan, chivito, churrosco del sur and more. Great baked goods, especially Latin American sweet breads, and tasty empanadas, both sweet and savory. Some gluten-free items. Location #2, on Oglethorpe, should open this year. \$

### Tamez Barbecue

1660 W. Broad St. • 706-850-3939

tamezbbq.com

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and Lunch. Texas-style bbq with a chef pedigree. Breakfast burritos in the a.m., brisket and other meats in the p.m., plus cornbread, beans, housemade tortillas, smoked cauliflower. Meats smoked daily. \$\$

### Taqueria del Sol

334 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3890

taqueriadelosol.com

**FILE UNDER:** Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Tues–Sat. Chef-crafted taqueria isn't trying to be the most authentic, but it is consistently good. Pork, brisket, fried chicken, carnitas, fish and veggie tacos, plus weekly specials and a blue-plate special. Great selection of tequilas, build-your-own margaritas, bottled beers. \$

### Taqueria Juaritos

3875 Jefferson Road • 706-521-5260

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

### Taqueria la Jalisco

3750 Old Jefferson Road • 706-316-3560

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

### Taqueria la Parrilla

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

2439 Jefferson Road • 706-549-4977

855 Gaines School Road • 706-548-5040

lapa.us

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

### Taqueria Tsunami

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-353-0040

320 E. Clayton St. • 706-621-7999

taqueriatsunami.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Mexican and South American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, take-out, delivery, curbside pick-up, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Small Atlanta-based chain does Asian/Latin fusion

tacos: bulgogi and shiitake, teriyaki chicken with pineapple pico de gallo, tofu with sesame-soy vinaigrette and more. Apps, bowls and salads. Margaritas, cocktails, sangria, craft beers. \$\$

### Taste of India

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-559-0000

indiaathens.com

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

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

### Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe

227 Prince Ave. • 706-247-7619

tazikiscafe.com

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

**FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Mediterranean quick-service franchise does healthful grilled food, including gyros, entree-size salads and "feasts" (grilled veggies or protein, salad, side). Soups, baklava, daily specials, family take-home meals, hummus and spicy pimento cheese, too. \$\$

### Team Biscuits and Burgers

745 Danielsville Road • 706-543-8326

teambandb.com

**FILE UNDER:** Downhome, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, catering, outside seating.

**HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Sat. 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

tedsmostbest.com

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

**FEATURES:** Beer and wine, outside seating, take-out, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Refined, individually sized thin-crust pizzas are light as a feather, with good char and cool toppings. Gluten-free options. Also: sandwiches, calzones, pastas, sliders and a great beet salad. Desserts in the refrigerated case. Good beer in cans and bottles, a few wines by the glass. Large outdoor patio. \$\$

### Terrapin Beer Co.

265 Newton Bridge Road • 706-549-3377

terrapinbeer.com



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

Beer, outside seating. Loads of outside space, with live music, at which to taste local craft beer. Dogs are welcome! IPA fiends are into Hopsecutioner, but you might also find a watermelon gose or the Wake-n-Bake coffee oatmeal imperial stout. Food trucks are sometimes present. See ad on p. 16. \$

### Texas Roadhouse

1021 Dowdy Road • 706-613-1300

texasroadhouse.com

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

### Thai Spoon

149 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-9222

thaispoonathens.com

**FILE UNDER:** Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Sunday dinner. Big menu runs from fresh Thai salads to satay, spicy basil duck, lots of seafood and vegan options, plus gluten-free stuff. Kids menu. 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, but occasional acoustic stuff too. Standard well drinks, shots, beer. \$

### Tlaloc El Mexicano Restaurant

1225 N. Chase St. • 706-613-9301

tlalocelmexicanorestaurant.com

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

### Tokyo Express

690 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-543-8833

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. \$

### Trapeze Pub

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-8997

trapezepub.com

**FILE UNDER:** Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. Sunday brunch. Expanded to encompass the former Highwire. Menu includes tacos, sliders, French onion soup, veggie-packed quinoa salad, burgers, ribs, cheeses and snacks. Serious beer, with more than 200 well-described options in the bottle and 30 on tap, plus wine and nice cocktails. \$\$

### The Traveling Hobo Cafe

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

facebook.com/TravelingHoboCafe

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

### Uncle Ernie's Pub N Grub

720 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-8990

facebook.com/ue.athens

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers And Chicken. **FEATURES:** Delivery, full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Deli and hot sandwiches, stuffed full. Veggie options, too,



plus burgers, hot dogs, fries, tater tots, chips, pickles. New location should be open soon, and a food truck, too. \$

### 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. Combos give you bang for your buck: specialty rolls, udon and ramen bowls, yakitori, sunomono, tonkatsu, teriyaki, fried rice and much more. Hot and cold sake, Japanese (and American) beers, wine, sake bombs and martinis. \$\$

### The Varsity

1000 W. Broad St. • 706-548-6325

thevarsity.com

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Long-time Athens place famous for hot dogs (with slaw, chili or pimento cheese), onion rings and frosted orange drink. You can also get burgers, BLTs, grilled cheese, chicken sandwiches, fries, fried pies and ice cream. \$

### Veronica's Sweet Spot

149 Oneta St. • 706-247-0421

facebook.com/sweetspotathens

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

### Viva! Argentine Cuisine

247 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8284

vivaargentine.com



**FILE UNDER:** South American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery, outside seating, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Not just beef (although it does that well!), this place is well known for its shepherd's pie, known as pastel de papa, and its filled cupcakes.

Lots of vegetarian choices, empanadas, lomo con papas fritas, great sandwiches. You do want the chimichurri sauce. See ad on p. 41. \$\$

### 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 pretty good light food by day, 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,

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

### White Tiger Gourmet

217 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. One of the best cheeseburgers anywhere, as well as bbq (pork and tofu, both good), excellent veggie sides (including perfect coleslaw), Fanta in the cooler, fun specials, almost everything cooked on the magical flat-top. Lots of outdoor picnic tables. \$\$

### Willy's Mexicana Grill

196 Alps Road • 706-548-1920

willys.com

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

### Wing House Grill

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

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

winghouse-grill.com

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

### Wing Zone

142 W. Clayton St. • 706-621-6196

wingzone.com

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

### Wingster Café

521 Baxter St. • 706-583-9611

wingsterathens.com

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

### WNB Factory

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

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

### Wok Star

225 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-2555

wokstarrestaurant.com

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

### Wok's Up

1791 Oconee Connector, Bogart • 706-521-5486

facebook.com/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 (steak, chicken, shrimp, pork, tofu), 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 tipsy popsicles and Princess Peach Tea. \$

### Woodford

120 E. Washington St.

instagram.com/woodford.athens

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

### The World Famous

351 N. Hull St. • 706-543-4002

facebook.com/theworldfamousathens

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

### Your Pie

196 Alps Road • 706-549-3179

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

yourpie.com

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

### Zeb's Bar-B-Q

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

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

### Zoës Kitchen

145 Alps Road • 706-850-3400

zoeskitchen.com

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

### Zombie Coffee and Donuts

350 E. Broad St. • 706-850-2526

facebook.com/eatzombieathens

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



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