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Downtown Map, D2

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UGA Map, D6

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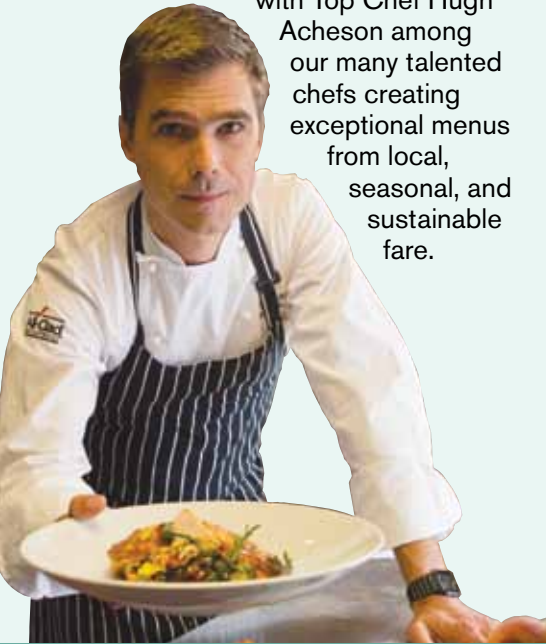
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Athens TOP 10

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Walk Back in Time

Cross over Broad Street and venture back two centuries to the early days of America's first state-chartered college, the University of Georgia. Historic North Campus is modeled after Yale University. The Athens Welcome Center offers self-guided tours of our historic house museums and neighborhoods, as well as guided excursions by Classic City Tours.



3

Celebrate Festivals!

Catch the sights and sounds of Athens at seasonal festivals such as summer music & arts at Ath-Fest, a Halloween Wild Rumpus parade through downtown streets, holiday ice skating at The Classic Center, Wine Weekend to warm up your winter, and the Athens Twilight Criterium each spring.

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Sip a Local Brew

Athens has been called the "Next Great Craft-Brew Town" by FirstWeFeast.com. Learn how award-winning beer is made and sample various styles and flavors at a tour of Terrapin Beer Co., Creature Comforts Brewing Co., and Southern Brewing Company. These local favorites and hundreds more are available at hot spots like Trappeze Pub and The Globe, or check out what's on tap at Copper Creek Brewing Company.



6

Cheer on the Dawgs

Athens' population doubles on home football weekends, but that's not the only time to catch some top sports action. UGA is home to 19 Division I sports teams, plus club teams such as the Ice Dogs (yes, ice hockey in Athens!).



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Get Your Groove On

Athens has been called "Live Music Central" by *The New York Times*, and the best college music scene by *Rolling Stone*. Perhaps best known as home to R.E.M., the B-52's, and Widespread Panic. Athens is still called home by hundreds of bands. See live music nightly at acclaimed venues like the Georgia Theatre and 40 Watt Club.

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Feel the Creative Energy

Athens is home to the Georgia Museum of Art, the state's official museum, along with numerous galleries showcasing the work of local, regional, national, and international artists. Be here on Third Thursdays when galleries offer extended evening hours and special events!



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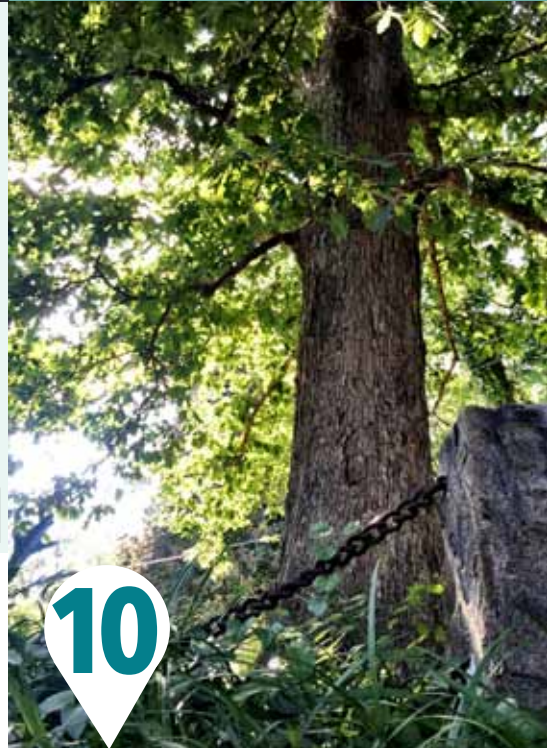
Stroll through a Garden

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia features 313 acres of themed gardens, plus nature trails for hiking and birding and a stunning tropical conservatory. Other local gardens display the best of 19th-century plantings all the way to today's "Athens Best" at the Trial Gardens at UGA.

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Venture Out

Take a walk (or hike, or climb, or kayak) that's a bit off the beaten path at Athens' expansive selection of athletic facilities, natural resources, parks, and recreation areas.



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Explore Downtown

Our restored historic downtown district is teeming with local shops, restaurants, and music venues. You'll uncover vintage and locally made goods plus other choice finds at shops like Agora, Masada, and Frontier. Browse for records at Wuxtry, where members of R.E.M. first met.



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Your Itinerary



Athens Music Walking Tour

Download this tour of local musical heritage spots from VisitAthensGA.com/music-tour, or pick up a copy at the Athens Welcome Center or Convention & Visitors Bureau.



Grab Some Gear

Browse through a real record store! **Wuxtry** is where members of R.E.M. first met. Seek out more hard-to-find albums and local band tees at **Lo Yo Yo Stuff** and **Atomic Athens** vintage. Score some hot new threads along Clayton Street's boutiques and more vintage shops on Jackson Street.



Retro Vibes

Head to the **UGA Special Collections** galleries for interactive exhibits on all things Georgia, including broadcast media and music.



Craft Brewery Tour & Tastings

Spend happy hour at the source of good times and good beer, with a tour, tastings, and live music at **Terrapin Brewery**, **Creature Comforts Brewing Company**, and **Southern Brewing Company**.



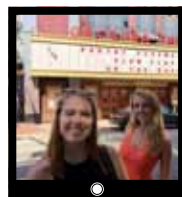
Dinner

The National is just across Hancock Street from Creature Comforts and is one of Athens' most notable dining destinations. Continue with the craft beer theme at **Trapeze Pub**, with an on-point food menu plus extensive selection of beer on tap. Or, dine atop the rooftop of the **Georgia Theatre** for breathtaking sunset and city skyline views.



Lunch

Stop off for a bite at **Weaver D's**, whose soul food counter service inspired R.E.M.'s album title, "Automatic for the People." Dine alongside local musicians at **Mama's Boy** or **The Grit**.



Selfie spot!

Imagine your name in lights on the iconic Georgia Theatre marquee. #seeathensga



"I LOVE THE ATHENS AUDIENCE. THEY'RE NOT PRETENTIOUS, BUT THEY DO HAVE HIGH STANDARDS."
MUSICIAN KISHI BASHI



Selfie spot!

Head to Dudley Park to check out the railroad trestle from the back of R.E.M.'s *Murmur* album. #seeathensga



Live Music & Club Crawl

Start out at earlier shows you'll find at The Foundry or a special performance at **The Classic Center** or UGA's **Performing Arts Center**. Stay out late with a national touring act, regional draw, or local favorite in Athens' acclaimed clubs such as the **Georgia Theatre**, **40 Watt Club**, **The World Famous**, and **Caledonia Lounge**.



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ARTS + CULTURE

Art is everywhere in Athens, from the state's official art museum to local galleries and studios to lining the walls in restaurants and shops. There are even galleries inside our convention center and at Hotel Indigo.

Your itinerary



Georgia Museum of Art

Explore the state's permanent collection with strengths in American painting and Southern decorative arts, plus exhibitions from around the world. Save time to visit the well-curated gift shop and stop for coffee at the café. Cross the plaza to the **Lamar Dodd School of Art** to see what students and faculty are creating.



Lyndon House Arts Center

Originally housed within the historic **Ware-Lyndon House**, the community visual arts complex is a local treasure, with large airy galleries overlooking the Appalachian foothills.



Take some home

In the Lyndon House gallery shop, the **Visual Arts Guild of Athens** offers a wide selection of works for sale in a variety of media.



Lunch: Pulaski Heights BBQ

Head a few blocks outside downtown to this spot known not only for its flavorful meats but also inventive sides and vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options. Pulaski Heights is Southern 'que, elevated. Enjoy the porch in nice weather and watch the trains go by!



Explore the warehouse

The **Chase Street Warehouse District** is a hotbed of local artists. Check out innovative, contemporary art at **ATHICA: Athens Institute for Contemporary Art**, or high flying performance art at **Canopy Studio**.



Downtown Shopping

Walk down Clayton Street for shop after shop filled with one-of-a-kind and locally made products. Look for **R. Wood** ceramics to grace your table, **Bee Natural** luminaries for any décor, and hand-crafted leather goods at **Masada**. **Native America** and **Frontier** are other shops with local flair. Grab some UGA Bulldogs gear to mark your time in Athens. Bonus: A college town makes for some of the best vintage shopping around, so check out **Atomic Athens**, **Agora Vintage**, **Community**, and others.



Dinner Downtown

Treat yourself to a thick steak at **Porterhouse Grill**, nouveau Southern cuisine and luscious dessert at the **Last Resort Grill**, amazing pub fare and extensive craft beer on tap at **Trapeze Pub**, or a pizza pie masterpiece at **Ted's Most Best**, just some of downtown Athens' dining selection.



An Evening Out

Headliner entertainers, touring Broadway productions, and top comedians grace **The Classic Center Theatre** stage. Athens is the proud home of several local theatre companies, as well as the **UGA Performing Arts Center**, which attracts world-class talent. Be sure to look up the schedules when you're in town!



Selfie spot!

Head up to the rooftop of the Georgia Theatre and catch your gaze overlooking downtown. #seeathensga



Selfie spot!

Strike a pose with Beverly Pepper's "Ascension," the steel sculpture outside the Georgia Museum of Art, or with the current exhibit in the GMOA's Jane and Harry Willson Sculpture Garden, devoted to the display of works by women sculptors.

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ATHENS HOUSE MUSEUMS

- Church-Waddell-Brumby House (1820)
- Taylor-Grady House (1844)
A National Historic Landmark!
- T.R.R. Cobb House (ca. 1852)
- Ware-Lyndon House (1856)

HOME + GARDEN

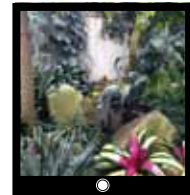


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Cross over Broad Street in downtown Athens and venture back two centuries to the early days of America's first state-chartered college, the University of Georgia. Get a glimpse into the lives and legacy of antebellum Athens as you tour historic house museums and accompanying gardens.

Your Itinerary



Selfie spot!

Capture any of the lovely scenery at the State Botanical Garden.
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UGA North Campus

Take a stroll through historic **North Campus**, which is modeled after Yale University and is the setting of some of the oldest buildings in Athens, dating back to the start of classes in 1801.



State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Explore the gardens and five miles of trails at the 313-acre preserve that is the state's official botanical garden. A stunning tropical conservatory is surrounded by themed gardens showcasing native and international flora. The grounds also include the **Garden Club of Georgia State Headquarters** and the lovely **Day Chapel**. Bring your binoculars; the Garden is an Audubon-designated Important Bird Area. Grab a refreshment at the garden café.



Garden Gift Shop

An added bonus is the wonderful gift shop at the State Botanical Garden, featuring a wide range of local products.



Trial Gardens at UGA

See horticulturists in action at the **Trial Gardens at UGA**, as they determine the "best of the best" plants for our region's high heat and humidity.



UGA Special Collections Exhibits

Georgia's history comes to life at the **University of Georgia's Special Collections** building. Historical and cultural treasures are on display, including interactive exhibits, Georgia artifacts, even a full-sized replica of Senator Richard B. Russell's Washington office. Audiovisual displays include the Peabody Award collection and vintage "town films."



Selfie spot!

No visit to Athens is complete without a photo at the iconic UGA Arch, the traditional entry to campus.
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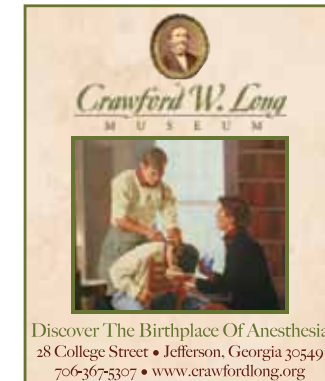
Lunch

Dine on refined Southern cuisine at **The Place** – the upstairs dining area overlooks UGA's historic North Campus!



Dinner

Dine at **Five and Ten**, from nationally-acclaimed Athens chef Hugh Acheson. The restaurant is located along S. Milledge Avenue in the Five Points historic district, in a circa-1920 Colonial Revival home by architect Fred Orr.



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Your Itinerary



Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall

Check out UGA sports memorabilia, interactive displays, and video highlights from the best moments in Georgia sports history. See the 1980 national championship football trophy and Heisman trophies won by Frank Sinkwich and Herschel Walker, plus exhibits from the 1996 Atlanta Olympics sports held in Athens.



Fan Gear

Sport the Power G when you pick up any and all Georgia Bulldog items imaginable at emporiums like the **UGA Bookstore** on the heart of campus, or head downtown to the **Clubhouse**, **Dawg Fanz**, or **Red Zone**.



Then. and Now

On historic North Campus, relax on **Herty Field**. This lovely lawn with sparkling fountain is the site of early Bulldog football games played under Pop Warner in the 1890s. It's a far cry from **Sanford Stadium**, which seats 92,746 fans and is the nation's fifth-largest on-campus college stadium today.



Refuel

Channel the "other" type of football at **The Royal Peasant**, a traditional-style English pub named one of America's Best Sports Bars by CNN Travel. Or, head to **Blind Pig Tavern** for huge burgers and huge TV screens, plus interactive options from darts to trivia.



Selfie spot!

Stand on the bridge on UGA's Central Campus, overlooking Sanford Stadium. #SeeAthensGA



Let Them Run!

Keep the kids occupied at **Memorial Park** and **Bear Hollow Zoo**, which includes a lake, picnic shelters, and playground area, plus a nature trail and dog park. The small zoo includes many species of Georgia's native wildlife – the wooded setting stays shady for comfort in the summer months.



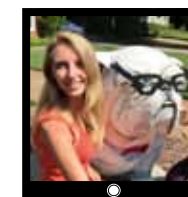
Just Escape

Hit the links at the **UGA Golf Course**, one of the best college courses in the country and designed by Robert Trent Jones. For an indoor challenge, try one of Athens' escape room experiences at **Escape the Space** or **Urban Enigmas**.



More Family Fun

Other family favorites include **Sandy Creek Nature Center's** interactive animal exhibits and ADA-accessible trails, the indoor **Active Climbing** facility, the Tony Hawk-designed **Skate Park of Athens**, and **Classic City Rollergirls** and **UGA Ice Hockey** matches at The Classic Center Arena.



Selfie spot!

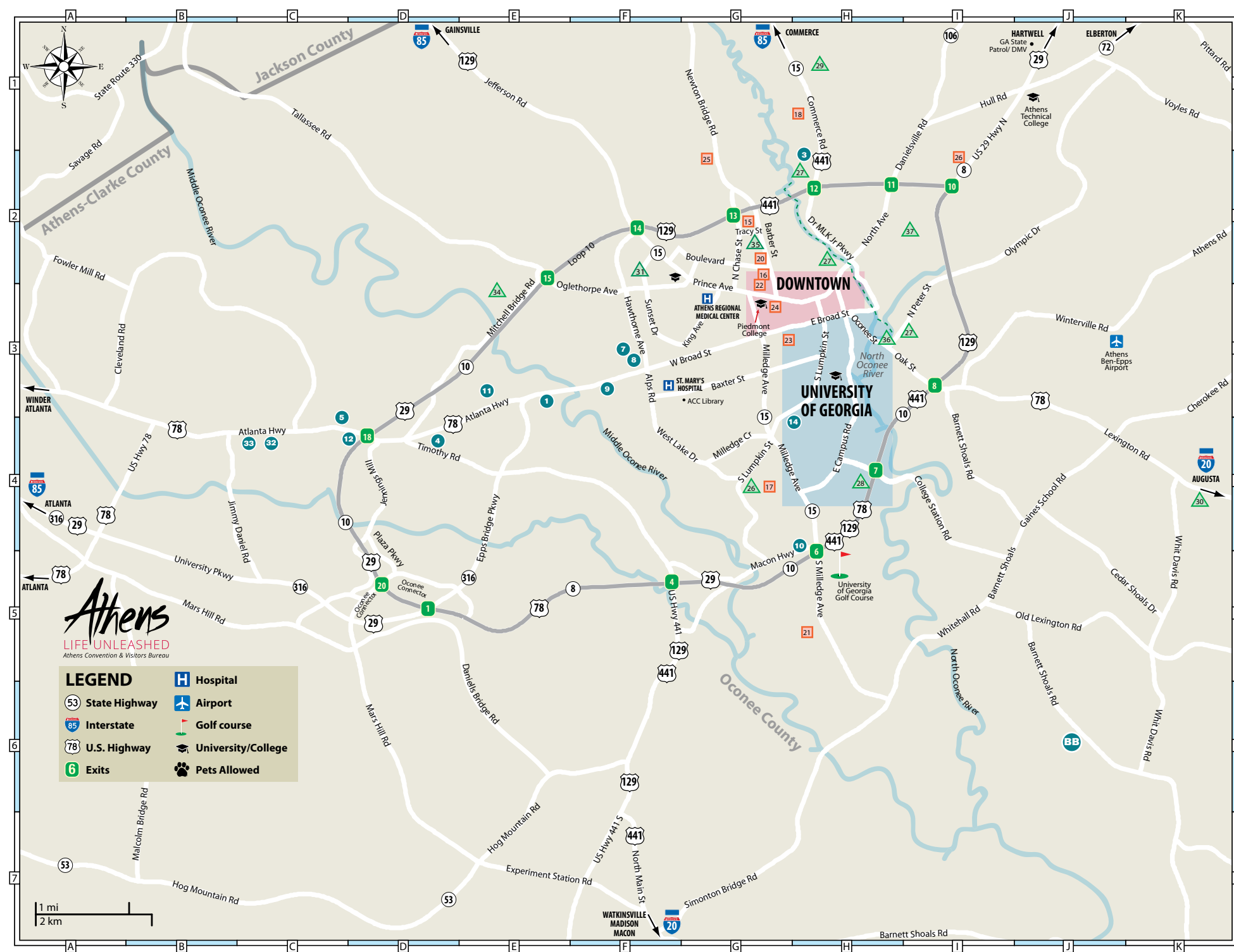
Get your picture made with one of the bulldog statues found throughout town! #SeeAthensGA



Rollin' on The River

Visitors may not realize that the North Oconee River flows right by downtown Athens. A 3.5-mile **Greenway** linear park is open sunrise to sunset for all types of non-motorized uses, including dogs on leashes. Over 50 interpretive heritage markers are placed along a half-mile stretch by **Dudley Park**. Enjoy the beauty of the river with a one- to two-hour kayak trip from **Big Dogs on the River**, on the Middle Oconee River.

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- ATTRACTIONS**
- G2 Art Complex: ATHICA, Canopy
 - G2 Athens Community Theatre Town & Gown Players
 - G4 Athens Creative Theatre (Memorial Park)
 - H1 Sandy Creek Nature Center
 - G2 Jittery Joe's Coffee Roaster & 1000 Faces Coffee
 - H5 State Botanical Garden of GA/Garden Club of GA
 - G3 Taylor - Grady House
 - G3 Tree That Owns Itself
 - G3 TRR Cobb House
 - G2 Terrapin Brewery
 - J2 Southern Brewing Co.

- PARKS**
- G4 Memorial Park, Bear Hollow Zoo, Fred Birchmore Trail
 - I3, H2 N. Oconee River Greenway
 - H4 Oconee Forest Park
 - H1 Sandy Creek Park
 - K4 SE Clarke Park, WOW Playground, Skate Park of Athens
 - F2 Bishop Park
 - E3 Ben Burton Park
 - G2 Active Climbing
 - H3 Dudley Park
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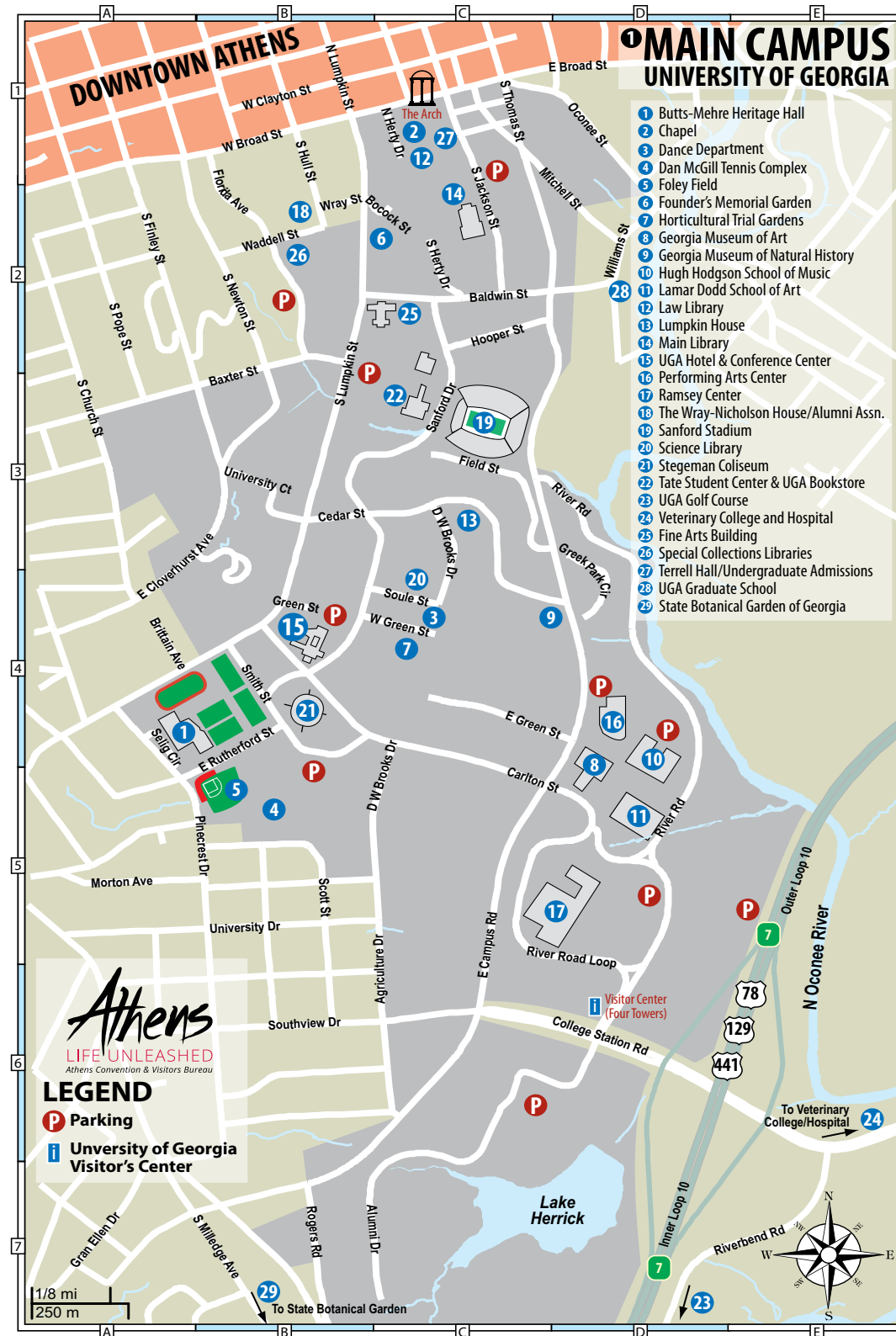
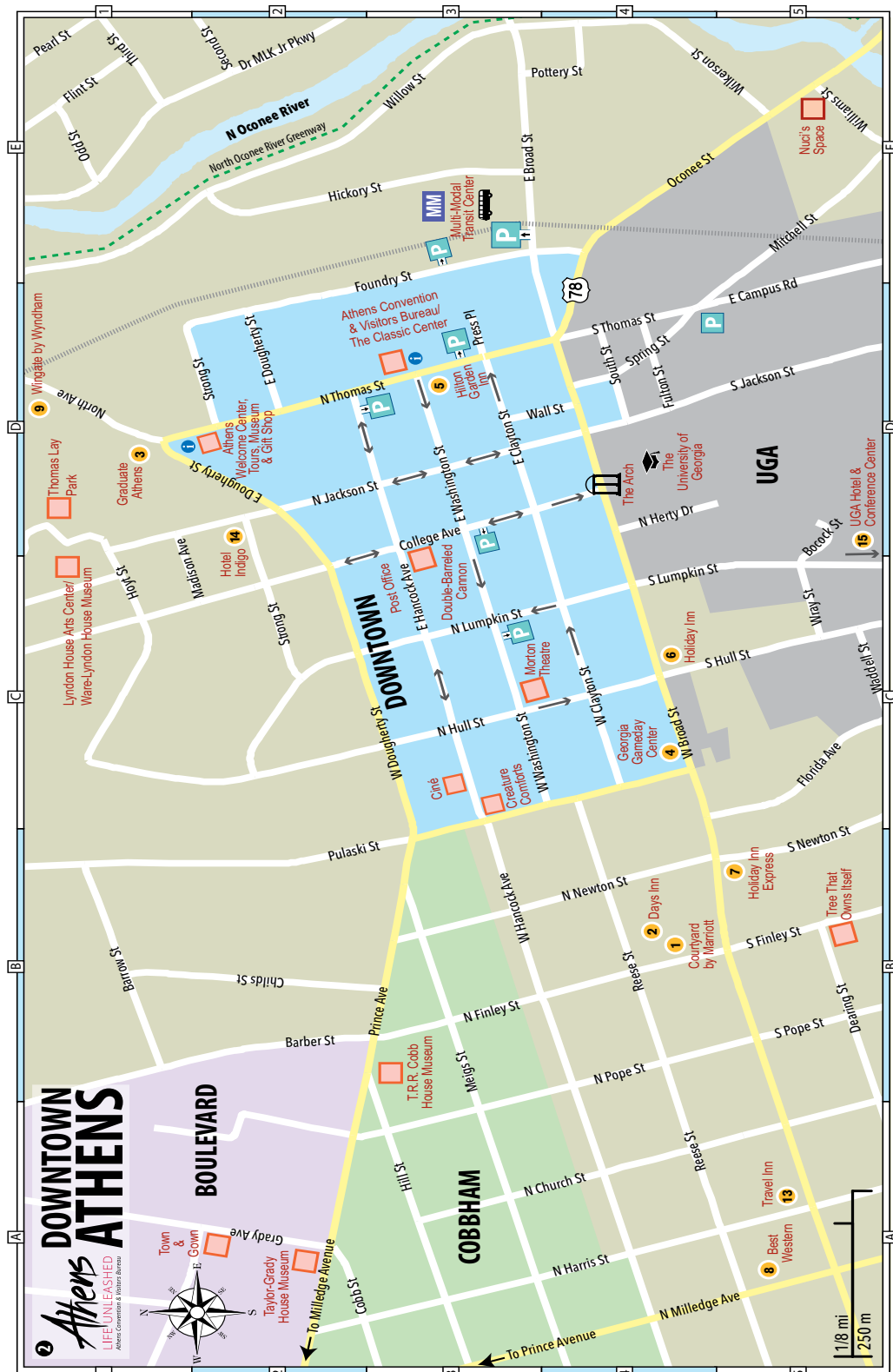
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 The Mayberry sandwich

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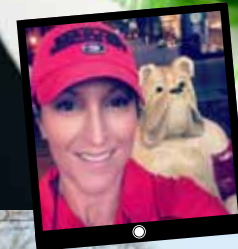
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 Chorizo and Lengua Tacos

ExploreGeorgia's Culinary Explorer Jennifer Hill Booker raves, "Fresh and authentic, these tacos are served garnished simply with onion, minced cilantro, and wedges of fresh lime." Named one of "Jennifer's Top 10" plates in Georgia!

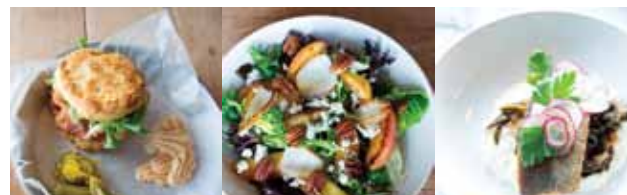
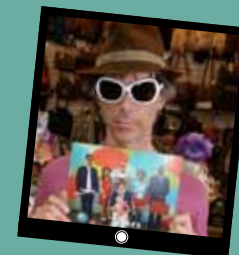
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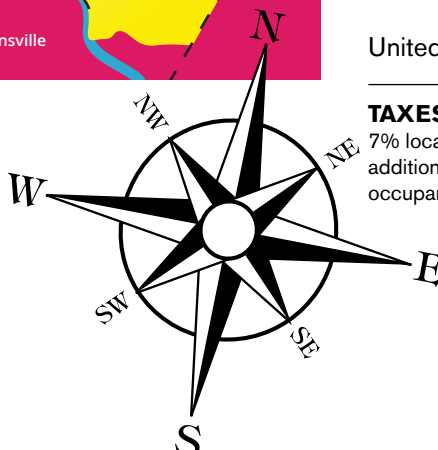
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5 Star Taxi: 706-549-2224

Golden Taxi: 706-543-5646

United Taxi Cab: 706-549-0808

TAXES

7% local/state sales tax;
 additional 7% hotel/motel
 occupancy tax

OUR GOVERNMENT

In 1991, the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County became the 28th consolidated city-county government in the United States and the third in Georgia.

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VISITOR INFO & TOURS

ATHENS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

300 N. Thomas St., 1st floor of historic fire hall at The Classic Center
 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
 706-357-4430
VisitAthensGA.com
 Downtown Map, **11**, D3
Plan your visit! Get expert local advice to make the most of your visit.

ATHENS TOURS & TRANSIT/ ATHENS BREWERY & ATHENS WINERY TOURS

678-835-8082
AthensToursandTransit.com
A variety of tours; choose from breweries, wineries, heritage, gardens, food, and more. Also offering shuttle service for weddings and special events.

ATHENS WELCOME CENTER/ CLASSIC CITY TOURS

280 E. Dougherty St.
 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday
 706-353-1820



AthensWelcomeCenter.com
 Downtown Map, **11**, D2
Make this your first stop for brochures, guided heritage tours, and a wide variety of self-guided tours and maps. Shuttle service also available.

UGA VISITORS CENTER
 405 College Station Rd.,
 UGA campus, 30602

706-542-0842
Visit.uga.edu
 UGA Map, **11**, D6
Free guided campus tours daily.

VISUAL ART

ATHICA: ATHENS INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART
 60 Tracy St., Unit 4
 706-389-5450

Athica.org
 Area Map, **15**, G2
This non-profit institution presents innovative, contemporary art exhibits and events from regional, national, and international artists.

CINÉ
 234 W. Hancock Ave.
 706-353-3343
AthensCine.com



Selfie spot!

Stop outside the Classic Center and take the Athenian oath. (Same as the ancient Greeks!)
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Downtown Map, C3
Catch an intriguing film, relax with a cocktail from Ciné Bar, and check out art in the exhibit space. Matinee Monday with \$1 popcorn and wine and beer specials.

GEORGIA MUSEUM OF ART
 90 Carlton St., UGA Campus, 30602
 706-542-4662
Georgiamuseum.org
 UGA Map, **8**, D4

All listings located in Athens, GA 30601 unless otherwise noted.

Browse the galleries of the state's official art museum for a range of visiting exhibits plus American paintings and Southern decorative arts. Café and museum store.

LAMAR DODD SCHOOL OF ART
270 River Rd., UGA Campus, 30602
706-542-1511
Art.uga.edu
UGA Map, **1**, D5
The galleries at UGA's art school host revolving shows of established and emerging contemporary artists.

LYNDON HOUSE ARTS CENTER
293 Hoyt St.
706-613-3623
AthensClarkeCounty.com/LyndonHouse.
Downtown Map, C1
This community visual arts complex includes large airy galleries, a children's wing, artists' workshops, and the Visual Arts Guild of Athens gallery shop.

ART GALLERIES & SHOPS

AGORA VINTAGE
233 E. Broad St.
706-255-2623
AgoraVintageShop.com

ATHENA JEWELERS- THE ART OF IT ALL
269 N. Jackson St.
706-549-6869
Facebook.com/AthenaJewelers

AURUM STUDIOS
125 E. Clayton St.
706-546-8826
AurumStudios.com

GALLERY AT THE CLASSIC CENTER

300 N. Thomas St.
706-208-0900
ClassicCenter.com

THE GALLERY @ HOTEL INDIGO
500 College Ave.
706-546-0430
IndigoAthens.com

NATIVE AMERICA GALLERY
195 E. Clayton St.
706-543-8425
facebook.com/NativeAmericaGallery

R WOOD STUDIO CERAMICS
450 Georgia Dr.
706-613-8525
RWoodStudio.com

CREATE-YOUR-OWN ART

ARTINI'S
296 W. Broad St. Ste. 3
706-353-8530
ArtinisArtLounge.com

CLAYFULLY CREATED
2440 W. Broad St. Ste. 5, 30606
706-395-5002
ClayfullyCreated.com

UPTOWN ART
3061 Atlanta Hwy. Ste. D, 30606
706-208-7337
UptownArt.com/Athens

THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTS

CANOPY STUDIO
160 Tracy St., Ste. 6
706-549-8501
CanopyStudio.org
Area Map, **15**, G2
Watch aerial artists fly high during performances at this non-profit community art center.

ATHFEST



CLASSIC CENTER THEATRE
300 N. Thomas St.
706-357-4444
ClassicCenter.com
Downtown Map, D3
Upcoming 2016-2017 performances include

Once, Pippin, and Elvis Lives, plus Elf and The Nutcracker at the holidays.

Tickets: 706-613-3771
Info: 706-613-3770
MortonTheatre.com
Downtown Map, C3
See a play or music performance at this restored African-American vaude-

MORTON THEATRE
195 W. Washington St.

SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION

Dining guide



FARMVIEW MARKET

2610 Eatonton Highway, Madison
844-210-7030
FarmviewMarket.com
Stop by the Farmview Market café for simple, delicious farm-to-table fare. Breakfast includes Southern staples like biscuits, house-made sausage and pancakes. For lunch enjoy garden-fresh salads, sandwiches and daily special entrées fresh from the farm.



BUFFALO'S CAFE

196 Alps Road, Suite 49
Beechwood Shopping Center
706-354-6655
Buffalos.com/athens
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ville theatre, opened in 1910 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
230 River Rd., UGA Campus, 30605
706-542-4400
Pac.uga.edu
UGA Map, **16**, D4
Catch innovative and cutting-edge performances from the world's best musicians and dancers in all genres, including classical, jazz, ballet, and folk.

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENTAL PRODUCTIONS
Drama.uga.edu
706-542-4400
Dance.uga.edu
706-542-4415
Music.uga.edu
706-542-3737
Student and guest artist performances range from the classics to contemporary and original works.

LOCAL THEATRE COMPANIES

ATHENS CREATIVE THEATRE
293 Gran Ellen Dr., 30606
706-613-3628
AthensClarkeCounty.com/act
Area Map, **17**, G4

CIRCLE ENSEMBLE THEATRE
706-362-2175
CircleEnsembleTheatre.com

ROSE OF ATHENS THEATRE
706-340-9181
RoseofAthens.org

TOWN AND GOWN PLAYERS
115 Grady Ave.
706-548-3854
TownandGownPlayers.org
Area Map, **16**, G2

BREWERIES

CREATURE COMFORTS BREWING CO.
271 W. Hancock Ave.
706-410-1043

CreatureComfortsBeer.com
Downtown Map, C3
Creature Comforts is in downtown Athens in a beautifully restored building.

SOUTHERN BREWING CO.
231 Collins Industrial Boulevard, 30601
706-548-7183
SoBrewCo.com
Area Map, **26**, I2
Athens' newest brewery opened in May 2015.

TERRAPIN BREWERY
265 Newton Bridge Rd., 30607
706-549-3377
TerrapinBeer.com
Area Map, **25**, G2
Discover how award-winning brews are crafted. Public tours, tastings, and live music every Wednesday-Saturday.

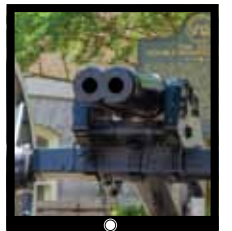
COFFEE ROASTERS

1000 FACES COFFEE
585 Barber St., 30601
706-534-8860
www.1000facescoffee.com
Area Map, **20**, G2

JITTERY JOE'S COFFEE ROASTER
425 Barber St.
706-227-2161
JitteryJoes.com
Area Map, **20**, G2

GARDENS

FOUNDERS MEMORIAL GARDEN
325 S. Lumpkin St., UGA Campus, 30602
GardenClub.uga.edu/FoundersGarden.html
UGA Map, **6**, B2
A trickling fountain, rare flora, winding walkways, and ornamental shrubbery are a grand memorial to the founders



Selfie spot!
Check out the Double-Battered Cannon, one of the more unusual relics from the Civil War, on the grounds of City Hall.
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of America's first garden club.

STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN OF GEORGIA

2450 S. Milledge Ave.
706-542-1244
BotGarden.uga.edu
Area Map, **21**, H5
Wander through five miles of trails, a tropical conservatory, and themed gardens. Audubon-noted birding area. Special events and programs held year-round. Gift shop, Café, Day Chapel, and Garden Club of Georgia on site.

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TRIAL GARDENS AT UGA

220 W. Green St., across from the UGA Coliseum
706-542-2471
UgaTrial.hort.uga.edu
UGA Map, 15, B4
See horticulturists in action as they determine the "best of the best" plants for our region's high heat and humidity.

HERITAGE

ATHENS WELCOME CENTER/CHURCH-WADDEL-BRUMBY HOUSE (1820)

280 E. Dougherty St.
706-353-1820, 866-455-1820
AthensWelcomeCenter.com
Downtown Map, 11, D2
This Federal-style house is believed to be Athens' oldest surviving residence. Its restoration in the 1960s and 1970s as a house museum and welcome center sparked Athens' historic preservation movement.



CHURCH-WADDEL-BRUMBY HOUSE (1820)

T.R.R. COBB HOUSE (1852)

175 Hill St.
706-369-3513
TRRCobbHouse.org
Downtown Map, B3
The home of this UGA graduate, Confederate general, and principal author of the Confederate Constitution was moved to Stone Mountain Park in 1985, then returned to Athens in 2005.

GEORGIA'S CIVIL WAR HEARTLAND LEADERS TRAIL

Self-guided map to dozens of sites in and around Athens are available at the Athens Welcome Center and CivilWarinGeorgia.com.

TAYLOR-GRADY HOUSE (1844)

634 Prince Ave.
706-549-8688
TaylorGradyHouse.com
Downtown Map, A2
This National Historic Landmark was the home of newspaper editor Henry W. Grady, who promoted the view of the

New South after the Civil War.

UGA'S HISTORIC NORTH CAMPUS

Downtown Map, D4
Stroll through the original campus of the nation's first state-chartered university, highlighted by Greek Revival architecture, beautiful gardens, and stately trees. Self-guided and guided tours available at the UGA Visitors Center (p. 23).

UGA SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARIES

300 S. Hull Street, UGA Campus, 30602
706-542-7123
libs.uga.edu/scl
UGA Map, 26, B2
Historical and cultural treasures are revealed in a magnificent setting with interactive displays. Georgia, political, and Peabody Award broadcast media galleries.



LOCAL MUSICIAN TIMI CONLEY

WARE-LYNDON HOUSE (1856)

293 Hoyt St.
706-613-3623
AthensClarkeCounty.com/LyndonHouse
Downtown Map, C1
One of the few antebellum homes with Italianate elements remaining in the Athens area, this house museum is the centerpiece of the Lyndon House Arts Center.

LIVE MUSIC

(Complete list at VisitAthensGA.com/live-music)

40 WATT CLUB

285 W. Washington St.
706-549-7871
40Watt.com

CALEDONIA LOUNGE

256 W. Clayton St.
706-549-5577
CaledoniaLounge.com

THE CLASSIC CENTER

300 N. Thomas St.
706-357-4444
ClassicCenter.com

THE FOUNDRY

295 E. Dougherty St.
706-549-7051
TheFoundryAthens.com

GEORGIA THEATRE

215 N. Lumpkin St.
706-850-7670
GeorgiaTheatre.com

HENDERSHOT'S

237 Prince Ave.
706-353-3050
HendershotsCoffee.com

LIVE WIRE ATHENS

227 W. Dougherty St.
706-543-8283
LiveWireAthens.com



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NOWHERE BAR

240 N. Lumpkin St.
706-546-4742
Facebook.com/Nowhere-BarAthens

THE WORLD FAMOUS

351 N. Hull St.
706-543-4002
Facebook.com/TheWorld-FamousAthens

SPORTS-RECREATION

ACTIVE CLIMBING

665 Barber St.
706-354-0038
ActiveClimbing.com
Area Map, G2
This indoor rock climbing gym features state-of-the-art climbing walls and bouldering routes for all ages and experience levels, including professional.

BIG DOGS ON THE RIVER

2525 Atlanta Hwy.
706-353-6002
BigDogsOnTheRiver.com
Take a one- to two-hour kayak trip down the Middle Oconee River, right here in Athens! Kayak rental, river trail service, picnic area.

BISHOP PARK

705 Sunset Dr.
706-613-3589
AthensClarkeCounty.com/bishop
Area Map, 31, F2
Athletic fields, pool, and site of the Athens Farmers Market on Saturdays April-December.

BUTTS-MEHRE HERITAGE HALL

1 Selig Circle,
UGA Campus, 30602
706-542-9036
georgiadogs.com/facilities/butts-mehre-heritage-hall.html
UGA Map, 1, B4
Bask in Georgia sports glory at this museum's Heisman and Olympic memorabilia with touchscreen displays and video highlights.

MEMORIAL PARK & BEAR HOLLOW ZOO

293 Gran Ellen Dr.
Park: 706-613-3580
AthensClarkeCounty.com/memorial
Area Map, 26, G4
Explore rolling hills, a lake, picnic shelters, and playground area, plus a nature trail, dog park, and small zoo with Georgia's native wildlife.

NORTH OCONEE RIVER GREENWAY

706-613-3801
AthensClarkeCounty.com/greenway
Area Map, 27, I3/H2
This linear park is open to all types of non-motorized uses, including dogs on leashes. Interpretive heritage markers near Dudley Park. Picnic and recreational areas.

OCONEE FOREST PARK

College Station and East Campus Rds., at UGA Intramural fields.
706-542-4287
Wamell.forestry.uga.edu/ofp/
Area Map, 28, H4
This UGA park features walking trails, a 1.2-mile mountain bike trail, and a 15-acre lake.

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SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER

205 Old Commerce Rd.
706-613-3615
AthensClarkeCounty.com/Sandy-CreekNatureCenter
Area Map, 18, H1
Miles of trails run through 225 acres of woodland, fields, and wetlands. Interactive live animal exhibits and ADA-accessible trails.

SANDY CREEK PARK

400 Bob Holman Rd.
706-613-3631
AthensClarkeCounty.com/sandy-creekpark
Area Map, 29, H1
Lake with seasonal canoe, kayak, and paddleboard rentals. Picnic sites, wooded trails, swimming, playgrounds, fishing, dog runs, disc golf, sports areas, and rental facilities.

SOUTHEAST CLARKE PARK

4440 Lexington Rd.
706-613-3991
AthensClarkeCounty.com/southeast
Area Map, 30, K4
On Site: Skate Park of Athens: The Tony Hawk-designed park welcomes BMX bikes and in-line skates. World of Wonder Community Playground (use Whit Davis Rd. entrance): Almost two full acres of playscape mazes, slides, swings, bridges, tunnels, climbing wall, and enclosed toddler area, plus gardens and outdoor children's art.

TRAIL CREEK PARK

200 Trail Creek St.
706-208-0185
AthensClarkeCounty.com/Trail-Creek
Area Map, 37, I2
Splash pad, five miles of professionally designed mountain bike trails, playground, greenway, and fields.

UGA ATHLETICS

GeorgiaDogs.com
Go online for sports schedules and tickets. Most UGA sports events are free!

GOLF

Public & Semi-private

Athens:
UGA GOLF COURSE
2600 Riverbend Rd.,
Athens
706-369-5739
Golfcourse.uga.edu
Area Map, H5, UGA Map 23

Area:

THE CHIMNEYS
338 Monroe Hwy.,
Winder, 30680
770-307-4900

EAGLE GREENS SANDY CREEK

3100 Ila Rd.,
Commerce, 30530
706-335-8100

THE GEORGIA CLUB

1050 Chancellors Dr.,
Statham, 30606
770-725-8100

JENNINGS MILL

1150 Chambers Ct.,
Wartonsville, 30677
706-548-1852

LANE CREEK GOLF CLUB

1201 Club Dr.,
Bishop, 30621
706-769-6699

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Colbert, 30628
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Courtyard by Marriott - 166 N. Finley St.	706-369-7000 / 800-321-2211 courtyard.com	1	B4	\$\$\$									
Days Inn - 230 N. Finley St.	706-543-6511 / 800-329-7466 daysinnathens.com	2	B4	\$									
Graduate Athens - 295 E. Dougherty St.	706-549-7020/866-928-4367 graduateathens.com	3	D1	\$\$\$									
Georgia Gameday Center - 250 W. Broad St.	706-583-4500 stayatgameday.com	4	C4	\$\$\$									
Hilton Garden Inn - 390 E. Washington St.	706-353-6800 / 877-STAYHGI hiltongardeninnathens.com	5	D3	\$\$\$									
Holiday Inn - 197 E. Broad St.	706-549-4433 / 888-465-4329 holidayinnathensga.com	6	C4	\$\$									
Holiday Inn Express - 513 W. Broad St.	706-546-8122 / 888-465-4329 hiexpressathensga.com	7	B5	\$\$									
Best Western Athens - 170 N. Milledge Ave.	706-546-7311 / 800-592-9401 bestwestern.com	8	A5	\$\$									
Wingate by Wyndham - 255 North Ave.	706-995-4000 / 800-466-1589 wingatehotels.com	9	D1	\$\$									
Travel Inn 898 W. Broad St.	706-549-5400 / 800-578-7878	13	A5	\$									
Hotel Indigo - 500 College Ave.	706-546-0430 indigoathens.com	14	D2	\$\$\$									
Quality Inn & Suites - 2715 Atlanta Hwy.	706-549-1530 / 800-237-8466 choicehotels.com/ga173	1	E3	\$\$									
Bulldog Inn - 1225 Commerce Rd.	706-543-3611/877-635-1253 bulldoginn-athens.com	3	H2	\$									
Budget Host Inn - 3425 Atlanta Hwy.	706-549-0251 BudgetHost.com	4	D4	\$									
Comfort Inn & Suites - 3980 Atlanta Hwy.	706-227-9700/800-4CHOICE choicehotels.com	5	C3	\$\$\$									
Country Inn & Suites - 236 Old Epps Bridge Rd.	706-612-9100, 800-830-5222 countryinns.com/athensga	7	F3	\$\$									
Hampton Inn by Hilton - 2220 W. Broad St.	706-548-9600 / 800-426-7866 hamptoninn.com	8	F3	\$\$\$									
Howard Johnson - 2465 W. Broad St.	706-548-1111 / 800-446-4656 www.hojo.com	9	F3	\$									
InTown Suites - 2044 S. Milledge Ave.	706-355-3121 / 800-553-9338 www.intownsuites.com	10	H4	\$									
Microtel Inn - 1050 Ultimate Dr.	706-548-5676 / 800-771-7171 microtelinn.com	11	E3	\$									
Perimeter Inn 3791 Atlanta Hwy.	706-548-3000 / 800-934-2963 perimeterinn.com	12	C4	\$									
UGA Hotel & Conference Center - 1197 S. Lumpkin St.	706-542-2134 / 800-884-1381 georgiacenter.uga.edu	14	H4	\$\$									
Candlewood Suites - 156 Classic Rd.	706-548-9663/888-226-3539 candlewoodsuites.com/athensga	32	C4	\$\$									
Sleep Inn & Suites 109 Florence Dr.	706-850-1261 sleepinn.com	33	B4	\$\$									

ACCOMMODATIONS

RV PARKS & CAMPSITES

LOGGING	PHONE/WEB	AMENITIES				
Country Boy's RV Park - 5473 Mt. Olive Rd., Commerce	706-335-5535 countryboysrvpark.com	RV	Cabin	Tent	Yurt	Cottage
Fort Yargo - 210 S. Broad St., Winder	770-867-3489/800-864-7275 gastateparks.org/fortyargo			Tent	Yurt	Cottage
Pine Lake RV & Campsite - 5540 High Shoals Road, Bishop	706-769-5486 pinelakercamp.com	RV	Cabin	Tent		
Watson Mill Bridge State Park RV & Campsite - 650 Watson Mill Road, Comer	706-783-5349 • 800-864-7275 gastateparks.org/watsonmillbridge	RV		Tent		Bunkhouse

BED & BREAKFAST

The Colonels on Angel Oaks Farm - 3890 Barnett Shoals Road	706-559-9595 www.thecolonels.net	7 ROOMS, 3 SUITES, \$\$\$	CALL FOR PET POLICY AND RESTRICTIONS
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AUGUST 2016
Classic City BBQ Festival, Aug. 19-20

SEPTEMBER 2016
Insectival, Sept. 17

OCTOBER 2016
North Georgia Folk Festival, Oct. 8

AthFest Fitness Expo & Half Marathon, Oct. 8-9

Athens-to-Atlanta Road Skate, TBA

Licksillet Festival, Oct. 22

Halloween in the Clubs and Wild Rumpus, Oct. 28 weekend

DECEMBER 2016
Downtown Parade of Lights, Dec. 1

Museum Mile Holiday Home Tour, TBA



Indie South Fair Holiday Hooray, Dec. 3-4

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31

FEBRUARY 2017
Athens Wine Weekend, Feb. 3-5

MARCH 2017
Athens Slingshot, TBA

APRIL 2017
UGA International Street Festival, Apr. 8

Plantapoloosa! TBA

Piedmont Gardeners Garden Tour, TBA

Classic City Brew Fest, Apr. 9

Athens Twilight Criterium and Americana Music Festival, TBA

G-Day Football Game, Apr. 22

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MAY 2017
Athens Human Rights Festival, TBA

Memorial Day in Memorial Park, May 29

JUNE 2017
AthFest, TBA

Hot Corner Celebration, TBA

JULY 2016
Classic City American Music Festival, July 2

Independence Day Celebration, July 4

SEASONAL:
Athens and West Broad Farmers Markets, April-December

Sunflower Music Series, June-September

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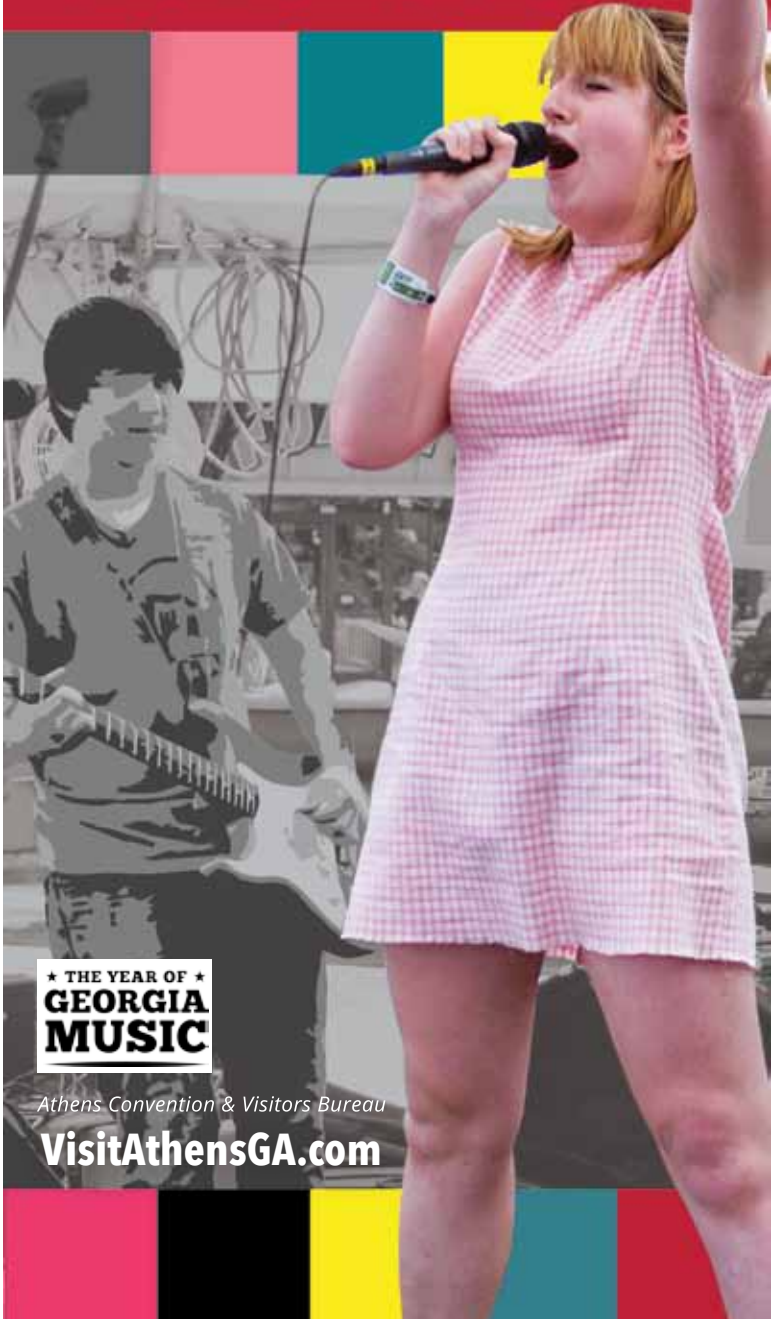
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