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ROLLING TOOMER'S CORNER

One of Auburn's oldest and most renowned traditions, thousands of AU faithful join in downtown Auburn to celebrate tiger victories by hurling tissue into the surrounding trees, lamp posts, and anything that will stand still long enough. A quirky fracas that can last for hours, a blizzard of paper is left blanketing the entire intersection. There's no way you haven't heard if it, but seeing is believing! And here's a fun side note: Auburn is the only city in the country with a line item in its budget for removing toilet tissue!



Robert Trent Jones Grand National Golf Course







WINTER WONDERLAND

Find your holiday spirit in Auburn-Opelika! From one-of-a-kind annual events to carol concerts, tree lightings, and home tours, we've got everything you need to celebrate your reason for the season. Do you need Santa photos? We got you. Last minute, handmade gift for the mother-in-law who has everything? Check! Everything you expect plus a whole, whole lot more beginning as soon as the turkey is put away. Check out the official community calendar to see what's on tap and fa, la, la, la, la your way to Auburn-Opelika!

MRS. STORY'S DAIRY BAR

An Auburn-Opelika tradition since 1952, the secret recipe for Mrs. Story's famous homemade chili dogs reminds us that, thankfully, some things never change. Still in its original location on Pepperell Parkway, the owners of this 50s style walk up are the third generation of the Story family to serve the freshest "fast" food in the area.



🕨 ENGAGE, EXPERIENCE

Inclusive, life-changing arts experiences designed to entertain, educate, and unite. Year-round opportunities to engage in the arts are available throughout the Auburn-Opelika community. The 1200-seat **Gogue Performing Arts Center** features year-round, phenomenal performances in multiple genres, including outdoor experiences in its 17,000 square feet of open-air celebration space.

The **East Alabama Arts Association** has been entertaining and enlightening the community through the arts for over 50 years. They offer a year-round calendar of performances and festivals across a wide variety of genres.

Visual arts are showcased in several area venues, including the **Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art** and Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Whatever your preferred media for awakening your imagination and lifting your spirit, engage here and have your world transformed.

LOCAL NIGHTLIFE

Relax and unwind in the warm and intimate environment of **Piccolo**. Creative specialty cocktails and a full menu of delicious "small bites" are the perfect accompaniment to the jazz stylings of eclectic musicians from all over the South. Cozy up next to the fire and share a couch with friends over a piccolo (the smallest champagne bottle) and a flatbread or fresh caprese. Take a two-block stroll down to the **Avondale Bar & Tap Room** where the cocktails are top shelf and the windows overlooking College Street give one of the best views in town.

From dusk til dawn, a variety of opportunities to savor the Auburn-Opelika nightlife experience awaits. Check out the largest by-the-glass selection of wine in the whole country at **Ampersand Wine Bar** where you can also enjoy your favorite cocktails and snacks. It's in historic downtown Opelika, so while you're in the neighborhood, stop by **Eighth & Rail** for live music or find the bear on the door to enter **Sneak & Dawdle**, our nod to the original speakeasys.



WAR EAGLE

It is one of the most iconic moments in all of college football: Jordan-Hare's capacity crowd of almost 90,000 rumbling in unison as a rare eagle is released to free-fly in circles around the stadium, eventually landing mid-field on its leathery pseudo-prey. We defy any living, breathing human, regardless of the colors you wear, to not get goosebumps from this phenomenon. Spirit is a resident of Auburn University's Southeastern **Raptor Rehabilitation Center where he** has been raised and trained to open home football games in this inspirational fashion. War Eagle y'all.



LOCAL CRAFT SPIRITS

Opelika is the proud home of not just one but three craft spirit makers: John Emerald Distilling Company has been making fine liquors including whiskey, gin, vodka, and rum since 2014, and Red Clay Brewing Company opened next door in 2015 offering a variety of rotating seasonal beers. Resting Pulse Brewing Company followed suit in 2018. Located in the hip arts district in historic downtown Opelika, the venues often offer or are surrounded by live music and a year-round calendar of special events.

DALE CHIHULY CHANDELIER

The focal point for the entry of the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art at Auburn University, Chihuly's Amber Luster is a masterpiece of more than 600 individual pieces of hand-blown glass. It took four days to install, one piece at a time, the 17-foot sculpture which weighs more than 1000 pounds. JCSM features a varied and interesting permanent collection of American and European art as well as a full calendar of traveling exhibitions throughout the year. Free admission to all.

Dale Chihuly



TOOMER'S LEMONADE

When Toomer's lemonade ranked number one in *Esquire* magazine's "162 Reasons It's Good To Be An American," it was only about 105 years after the rest of us already knew. Hand-made to order, this tart and tangy concoction is the hallmark of Toomer's Drugstore, a beloved Auburn icon and the only business that has occupied this historic corner since 1896.

Insider Tip:

Cakeitecture Bakery in Opelika makes custom Aubie cookies that you can only get at Toomer's Drugs. They're flavored with their real lemonade! NOM!

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These independent restaurateurs and talented chefs have created exceptional establishments with specialty dishes you won't find anywhere else. Among these pages you'll find something suitable for every taste and budget - whether it's a downtown student haunt or a white tablecloth dining room with a 300-bottle wine list. Our restaurants have been featured in Southern Living, Gourmet, and Wine Spectator, just to name a few, and we're pretty proud when the world discovers what we already know. Pick your fave and share it with us. Don't forget the hashtag! #AuburnOpelika





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Acre celebrates Southern hospitality and the fresh harvest provided by the local community. Highlighting new Alabama cuisine inspired by our Southern heritage, the food is responsibly grown, harvested, sourced, and prepared by a staff that eniovs the extra dedication and labor required by our type of food. The menu moves with the rhythms of the seasons and the unpredictability of the harvest. Our food and service is casual but clean and focused. Owner-Chef David Bancroft collaborates with the Auburn University Meat Lab and local ranchers to allow sourcing of responsibly farm-raised meat. He also searches and finds the freshest seafood, with special emphasis on fish and shellfish from the Gulf Coast, Full bar available, Reservations recommended. \$\$\$

HAMILTON'S

Hamilton's offers an intimate and casual atmosphere in historic downtown Auburn. We serve appetizers, salads, and sandwiches all day. Our menu consists of diverse contemporary American selections which include beef, pork, fish, and chicken of the finest quality. Our chef's entrées are prepared daily and creatively presented. Patio dining and full bar available, live music on Mondays, drink specials daily. \$\$\$

BYRON'S SMOKEHOUSE

Family owned and operated, Byron's has been serving pit-cooked barbecue and more since 1989. Featuring pork, chicken, sausage, ribs, sandwiches, salads, and homecooked vegetables. Byron's also offers a full breakfast menu. \$

TACORITA

Byron's Smokehouse

Tacorita makes everything by hand and from scratch to create our own take on traditional Mexican cuisine. A wide variety of handmade tacos including cheesy chicken, fish, briskets, tempeh, and many more. Appetizers, soups, and salads, and the area's best freshly made margaritas! \$

Insider Tip:

Mix any two of Tacorita's freshsqueezed juices to make your own custom margarita flavor! We like blackberry & pineapple!



Happy Hour Hot Spots

Check out **The Depot** in downtown Auburn for half-price bottles of wine on Wednesdays from 5-9pm!

Tacorita in downtown Auburn offers \$18 seasonal pitchers of their freshmade margs every Thursday.

Specialty cocktail of the week \$6 at John Emerald Distilling Company.

ZAZU GASTROPUB

Housed in what was an old, vacant building in downtown Opelika. Zazu Gastropub is now a stunning, five-level restaurant striking in character with sandy old bricks, wide-plank flooring, flickering gas lanterns, and repurposed wooden beams from the Old Mill in Opelika. At Zazu, people can expect a "fine dining" type of food in a relaxed public atmosphere. Owner-Chef Graham Hage says. "We do a lot of different comfort foods from around the United States and a couple of different ones from around the world. We make everything from scratch that we can, and we use as much local produce as possible." Zazu has teamed up with Opelika Grows. Alabama Seafood Co., and Oakview Farms Granary for the restaurant's produce. Zazu offers a full bar with a wide selection of craft beers on tap and bottled. **Reservations accepted. \$\$\$**

AMSTERDAM CAFE

Alive with conversation. music. and cool servers. Amsterdam will make you feel welcomed and comfortable in a relaxed and stylish setting. An Auburn tradition. the eatery features special event space and two full bars. Our menu offers a plate for every palate and consists of soul-pleasing selections that include family favorites, seasonal highlights, and timeless classics. Taste any of our daily specials, award-winning sandwiches, and market fresh seafood, and vou'll find them full of flavor and just what you're looking for! Full bar and terrace dining available. **Reservations accepted. \$\$\$**

PANNIE GEORGE'S

Pannie-George's selection of meats and vegetables encompasses the rich tastes and textures of Southern style cooking. Named after their grandparents. the owners and operators of this cafeteria-style restaurant have created an establishment where customers are "welcomed and treated like a respected member of Pannie-George's family." Traditional Southern selections vary daily - other than their legendary fried chicken which is a staple - and include items such as catfish. meat loaf. macaroni & cheese, purple hull peas, cabbage, banana pudding, and sweet potato pie. \$\$









CAFE 123

A fine dining restaurant serving Southern and continental cuisine with a hip, vintage atmosphere located in the heart of historic downtown Opelika. Our primary goal is to provide our guests with a satisfying and memorable dining experience. Located in the historic Haynie's Drugstore building, the ambiance and charm of this authentic 50s soda fountain and hangout remains but has been updated with original artwork, white linens, and funky fixtures. The café's menu lists hand-cut ribeyes and filets, sushi-grade tuna, and more, accompanied by a selection of Chef's specials and fresh catches. Try the beer-battered asparagus with lemon aioli, classic tableside Caesar for two, and Chef Eron Bass' beef tenderloin Napoleon. Wine dinners and other special events mean there's always something new on tap, even for our most loyal regulars. Don't miss their Bloody Mary and mimosa bar at Sunday Brunch! Full bar available. Reservations recommended, \$\$\$

THE HOUND

The Hound is a family owned restaurant and bar featuring overthe-top American classics, top shelf bourbon, and 28 craft beers on tap. The owners moved back to Auburn with the dream of opening a local watering hole featuring simple. delicious food with a focus on bacon. bourbon, community, and family. Menu items include meatloaf, craft beer braised chicken. 1/2 lb. bacon BLT, wild-game sausage, our Big Fat 16 oz Steak, thick cut bone-in Berkshire chop, home-spun vanilla bean ice cream, and bread pudding with a bourbon caramel sauce! Our menu is short, simple, and changes with the seasons. Our food philosophy is the same as our life philosophy: we provide a place for people to feel at home, get to know your neighbor at our community table, and just enjoy the simple things we have all been given. We source locally and regionally and harvest from The Hound family farm in Lafayette, Alabama when possible. Try our fantastic brunch! Full bar available. **Reservations requested. \$\$\$**

Cafe 123

Insider Tip:

Visit the Hound for Whiskey Wednesdays and get complimentary samples of their pick of the day along with \$5 specials on pours!

BOW & ARROW

From the talented chef-owner who brought us Acre, Bow & Arrow is where South Texas barbecue meets Alabama potluck! Casual and authentic, Bow & Arrow serves up an assortment of smoked meats cooked over a live-fire Kudu grill, a selection of Southern sides, including tater tot casserole, collard greens, and creamed corn; and an extensive selection of real Tex-Mex cuisine. A full bar and creative cocktail menu rounds out the experience available. \$\$

NIFFER'S

Niffer's Place opened in 1991 with the concept of good food for an excellent value in a fun atmosphere. Auburn alum owner Keely Beasecker loves to hear that people enjoy the food and the friendly service, but the thing she loves to hear most is that Niffer's is FUN! Over the years specials like our Burger Night, Wing Night, Beer Specials, and Wednesday Kids Eat Free have drawn many loyal customers. We have something for everyone from wings, nachos, huge salads, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pound burgers to grilled chicken with steamed veggies, pasta, vegetarian dishes, kid's menu, desserts, and more! Full bar and patio dining available. Reservations not accepted. \$\$

THE DEPOT

An American seafood brasserie located at the historic Auburn train depot. Featuring gulf coastal cuisine, The Depot plates up Alabama's freshest seafood in a modern, industrial, Victorian-inspired space. You'll enjoy high-quality, simple food prepared with wood-fired ovens and grills and specialty cocktails from their award-winning mixologists. They also offer an extensive wine list. Don't miss their signature green tomato Bloody Mary with Sunday brunch! Reservations requested. \$\$\$



Just Desserts

Check out these great local options for the perfect after-dinner sweet treat (Heck, why wait til after dinner?)!

- The Popcorn Factory, Auburn gourmet popcorn & ice cream
- Toomer's Drugs, Auburn ice cream, hand-spun shakes, and soda fountain favorites
- O Town Ice Cream, Opelika custom, quality ice cream treats
- Mrs. Story's, Opelika old-fashioned, handmade milkshakes and banana splits



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A DOWNTOWN EXPERIENCE



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A Only local, independently owned establishments make the cut for our Official Visitors Guide and Best Bites list!



Slow & STAINABLE

here's a growing movement that's transforming what we put into our mouths. Connecting food producers to those who consume it in the same geographic area has shown not only economic benefits, but also positive social, environmental, and health impacts. And it just plain tastes better!

The Auburn-Opelika area is the proud home of a variety of growers and producers of everything from vegetables and grains to meat and seafood. Visit a you-pick farm for the latest harvest, stop by Auburn University Fisheries for their fresh shrimp sale, or experience the unique bouquet of an authentic Alabama Merlot in the tasting room of a local winery. Farms and markets rotate their offerings with the bounty of the season, so there's something to enjoy year round.

The Fisheries Learning Center (AU) 2101 N. College St, Auburn • 844-4667 sfaas.auburn.edu/e-w-shell-fisheries-center Fresh fish and seafood Saturday mornings 8am-noon.

Hornsby Farms 1235 Bufford Rd, Auburn • 728-1489

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Seasonal farm store featuring items from their canning kitchen, fresh produce, eggs, honey, hand poured candles, handmade soaps, and a variety of other home and food items produced by other local farms.

Randle Farms

9215 Lee Road 54, Auburn • 703-3713 randlefarms.com

Seasonal you-pick blueberries and natural undyed and hand-dyed wool products from sheep that are born and shorn at their farm.

Hodges Winery

230 Co Rd 71, Camp Hill • 256-896-4036 hodgesvineyards.com

Vineyards and tasting room open Thursday-Sunday with large selection of grape, muscadine, and fruit wines. Wines are bottled on-site.







Opelika Grows 1103 Glenn St. Opelika • 750-2215 opelikagrows.org

A partnership between Opelika City Schools and the Food Bank of East Alabama, this model of civic engagement installs gardens and programming in service of locally identified needs. Visit the O Grows Farmers Market Tuesdays from May to September, 3-6pm, for the summer bounty of their local gardens.

The Market at Ag Heritage Park 580 S. Donahue Dr. Auburn • 844-2345 agriculture.auburn.edu Locally grown produce, herbs, ornamental plants, and cut flowers as well as locally produced jams and jellies, baked goods, soaps, honey, goat cheese, and more. Thursdays May to September from 3-6pm.

Whippoorwill Vinevards 4282 Co Rd 31, Notasulga • 257-2711 whippoorwillvineyards.com

Experience the rich flavors of native Alabama wines at this family-owned vineyard where everything from harvesting to bottling is done by hand. Free tastings and tours Thursday-Saturday.

Opelika Farmers Market 411 S 10th Street, Opelika • 705-0010 **Open Monday through Saturday featuring** locally grown produce, nuts, seasonal citrus, bedding and potted plants, handmade goods, and more.

Parkway Farmers Market 2180 First Ave, Opelika • 737-2080 parkwayfarmersmarket.com

Open daily, this year-round, family owned market offers fresh and frozen local produce and meats as well as seasonal plants and holiday staples such as pumpkins and Christmas trees. They also offer a wide selection of old-fashioned candies and sweets.

Insider Tip:

Buy from Hornsby Farms and you help support the hungry in East Alabama. Everv week Hornsby Farms delivers fresh produce to local families in need. Check out their seasonal "family suppers" on the farm where guests enjoy chef-prepared cuisine family-style under the stars.







S A O P LIKE A LOCAL

Sophisticated, Bohemian, Chic, Even silly. Whatever your style, Auburn-Opelika has the perfect something waiting to go home with you. From bustling historic downtown boutiques to open-air or traditional malls, our merchants offer a perfect and varied array of gifts, decor, clothing, and accessories. And you know you can never have too much Auburn Tiger gear! From bow ties to bows & arrows, the choices are awesome and abundant! We've provided you with a few of our best, but for a complete listing, be sure to visit AOTourism.com!

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Elisabet Boutique 124 N. College St, Auburn • 209-2504

Stamp 115 N. College St, Auburn • 821-7196

fab'rik 140 N. College St, Auburn • 246-3301

Therapy 150 E. Magnolia Ave, Auburn • 821-3025

Wrapsody 112 N. College St, Auburn • 887-7447

Downtown Epelika:

Coveted Closet 829 S. Railroad Ave, Opelika • 745-7746

Fringe Fine Consignment Boutique 125 S. 8th St, Opelika • 705-6727

Studio 3:19 804 N. Railroad Ave, Opelika • 203-1296

Taylor Made Designs 120 S. 8th St, Opelika • 749-2343

Griff Goods 719 1st Ave, Opelika



Around Town:

Amour 600 Main Street, Ste A, Auburn • 209-1708

Mint Julep 627 Opelika Rd #30, Auburn • 246-3901



Did you know that every dollar you spend with a local merchant multiplies in that community by three?







MAKER SPOTLIGHT

The loeAL Market hen Auburn native Lauren Duncan returned to the community after earning her advanced degree in the arts, she thought it would only be a temporary stop. Lucky for us - and the husband she met who changed her mind - that stop became permanent!

Lauren marvels at the "big and bold circles God has made" in her life. She loved creating from an early age and her parents signed her up for art classes and bought her supplies to keep her busy.

Lauren earned her undergraduate degree from Auburn University and her Master's in Art Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She taught art in Birmingham and later at an international Christian school in Ghana, West Africa. Her desire to celebrate fellow artists and makers coupled with her drive to make art accessible to everyone led her to open The locAL Market in downtown Auburn in 2017.

The locAL Market spotlights high-quality Alabama makers and gives them a platform to show and sell their handmade or grown products while connecting them with the Auburn-Opelika community. The market features a wide variety of goods from leather working, pottery, and calligraphy to paintings and photography, jewelry, and handmade food products from local farmers. The market also



features classes where Lauren teaches art to small groups and cultivates creative community.

The unique space is a place that brings makers together and provides them a platform to tell their stories and share their personal process of creating, all in hopes of encouraging the community and inspiring creativity. Lauren says she prayerfully follows the Lord's nudges to paint, write, and love on sweet foster babies. It is her hope and prayer that her ramblings and doodles help others along on their journey and inspire hope.

WHY SUPPORT MAKERS?

Michael Stricklin creates handtooled leather goods and founded his company in Opelika. Having since relocated to Nashville, he sums it up the makers' impact perfectly: "The maker movement is just so real, so tangible. You're

not just buying a wallet. or a candle, or a mug; you're buying into someone's passions, their dream, their livelihood. It's as if you get a glimpse into a part of their day - through their eyes - where they spent hours looking over and shaping the same piece that you now hold in your hands. That same care and attention will rest loyally in your hands, in your pocket, and in use for years to come. There's a beauty and a warmth to it that

just isn't possible with your normal big box store purchase.We hope that The locAL Market

you will purchase with a purpose from makers, from artists, and from average Joes just chasing their dreams and living life by their own terms."

Take home your locally made goods from the Market inside J&M Bookstore at 115 S. College Street in Auburn, or shop online at localmarketauburn.com





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Angel's Antique & Flea Mall 900 Columbus Pkwy, Opelika • 745-3221

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The Flower Store 2290 Moore's Mill Rd, Auburn • 887-9303

The Gallery on Railroad 809 S. Railroad Ave, Opelika • 749-2462

Jule Collins Smith Museum Gift Shop 901 S. College St, Auburn • 844-1484

Wakefield Home 201 S. 8th St, Opelika • 203-1513

Heritage Gifts & Gourmet 108 S. 8th St, Opelika • 705-0484

Southern Crossing 813 S. Railroad Ave, Opelika • 741-0015

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Designer's Warehouse 804 N. Railroad Ave, Opelika • 363-2818





GET OUT B PLAY

From parks to play bills, we offer a variety of places and ways for your family to unplug and engage. Both cities offer spacious and wellmaintained parks and facilities for outdoor play or spectator sports, and Auburn University has a full calendar of events throughout the year where you can take in some of the best collegiate sports action in these United States. If tigers aren't your favorite beast, try handling a king snake at the Kreher Preserve & Nature Center! Cultural enrichment opportunities abound at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art as well as at the Gogue Performing Arts Center which offers award-winning stage productions all year long.



In the southern most foothills of the Appalachian Trail, you find 696 beautiful acres perfect for rest and relaxation. But who wants that?! Load up your bikes and get ready to tear up some of the best single track the state of Alabama has to offer. Chewacla State Park offers a wide variety of trails, ranging from beginner-friendly with progression built in. to hand-built trails with texture and options, along with a small skills area and the state's only wall ride: a 15-foot-high arc with a 70-degree angle known as The Great Wall of Chewacla, Some of the best trails in the park aren't about speed or skill, but scenery. Creek View parallels Chewacla Creek, which converges with Town Creek at the Natural Falls, a wide cascade that tumbles into a social swimming hole. Mountain biking gives people of all ages and experience levels an opportunity to get outdoors, and these trails offer great riding in all four seasons. Auburn-Opelika's local mountain biking club, the **Central Alabama Mountain Pedalers** (CAMP) is responsible for the thousands of hands-on volunteer hours that went into building these trails, and the group offers open instructional rides for all skill levels. Check out the weekly children's Base Camp ride on Saturdays at 10am and the Sunday afternoon Ladies Only ride!

Chewacla State Park 124 Shell Toomer Pkwy, Auburn 887-5621 • alapark.com/parks



Chewacla also offers canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats on their 26-acre lake.





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CHEWACLA STATE PARK

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Chewacla State Park 124 Shell Toomer Pkwy, Auburn 887-5621 • alapark.com/parks Open 8am to sunset. Admission charged. Load up the car and the kids and don't forget your bikes, fishing poles, and hammocks! The 26-acre lake with canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats; fishing and swimming areas; playgrounds; and over 30 miles of mountain biking & hiking trails mean there's something for everyone. Facilities include a modern campground, picnic areas with tables, grills and shelters, and newly renovated cabins.

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center 2222 N. College St, Auburn 502-4553 • auburn.edu/preserve Open sunrise to sunset.

A playground for kids and adults alike, this 120-acre preserve includes special points of interest such as the Longleaf Pine Demonstration Forest, Wildflower Trail, Boulder Ridge, Butterfly and Vegetable Cardens, and Hidden Falls. A nature playground invites children to explore a rich, naturalistic experience complete with mounds, ditches, logs, tunnels, fallen trees, boulders, and some creative structures including a beaver lodge, tree house and eagles nest. The preserve also includes interpretive kiosks, thirty hiking trails, and a full calendar of educational programs and special events. Donald E. Davis Arboretum Garden Dr & College St, Auburn • 844-5770 An Auburn University facility dedicated to the display of native woody plants of the Southeastern United States. The Davis Arboretum provides visitors with a setting for reflection and relaxation and a quiet place for a walk through a natural setting. The arboretum shows plants growing in the special habitats that exist in the state of Alabama, such as rocky hillsides, stream bottoms, pond edges, salt spray influenced sand dunes, pitcher plant bogs and the alkaline soil of the Black Belt Prairie.

Kiesel Park

Chadwick Ln, Auburn • 501-2930 auburnalabama.org/parks Open sunrise to sunset. Auburn's largest park, featuring a pavilion, gardens, a pond, and a 2 1/4 mile walking trail. Kiesel Park also offers an off-leash area for dogs. The historic Nunn-Winston house is located at this park and is available for rental for private functions.

Hickory Dickory Park

Hickory Ln and North Cedarbrook, Auburn 501-2930 • auburnalabama.org/parks Open sunrise to sunset. A communitybuilt park offering the area's most unique play space for children.

Town Creek Park 1150 S. Gay St, Auburn • 501-2930 auburnalabama.org/parks Open sunrise to sunset. Town Creek offers walking trails, seating areas, and a pond.

Opelika Municipal Park Denson Dr, Opelika • 705-5560 opelika.org

Open sunrise to sunset. Home of a vintage miniature train, the beloved Rocky Brook Rocket, and the Salem-Shotwell covered bridge. The park offers children's play areas and equipment and features a pavilion and gazebo with picnic areas available to rent for private functions.

Spring Villa Park

1474 Lee Road 148, Opelika • 705-5560 opelika.org

Open sunrise to sunset. A 350-acre park with an antebellum house, outdoor volley-ball courts, and horseshoe pit. Featuring a campground with hookups for 30 spaces, campground lodge suitable for gatherings, walking trails, day camp compound, restrooms, outside band stand, nature trails, open play area, picnic tables, grills, and picnic shelters.


MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art at Auburn University 901 S. College St, Auburn • 844-1484 jcsm.auburn.edu

Free admission.

Fine art museum featuring formal sculpture gardens, a permanent collection, and traveling and temporary exhibitions, as well as concerts, films, and lectures by artists and scholars. Children's Club every other Saturday, Saturday Art Club, and Stories in Art. Located at the entry to Auburn University's main campus, the museum consists of six changing galleries, an auditorium, gift shop, outdoor sculpture, and landscaped walking paths. The museum represents the commitment and dedication Auburn University has to advancing the arts in our daily lives.

Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center 222 E. Drake Ave, Auburn • 501-2963 auburnalabama.org/arts Mon-Fri 8am-9pm. No admission charge. Community theater, ballroom dancing, featured regional artists, traveling exhibitions, and educational and instructional programs. Museum of East Alabama 121 S. Ninth St, Opelika • 749-2751 eastalabama.org Free Admission. Tues-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat

2-4pm

Over 5000 artifacts including 19th- and 20th-century local, state, and general history items.



OTHER PLACES TO PLAY

Pioneer Park

6500 Stage Road, Loachapoka • 887-3007 leecountyhistoricalsociety.org Free admission. Wed-Fri 12-5pm; Sat 10am-3pm.

Seven buildings celebrating the history of the Lee County area. Civil war artifacts, hand-made historical items, demonstrations, tools, and trade items. Second Saturdays feature music, openhearth cooking, spinning and weaving, blacksmithing and re-enactments and demonstrations about Native American and pioneer culture. Find their full calendar of festivals and special events online. Gogue Performing Arts Center 130 Village View Ln, Auburn • 844-4722 goguecenter.auburn.edu The keystone of Auburn's culture & arts district offering high quality performances in music, theater, dance, lectures, and more. The 85,000 sq ft, 1200-seat facility is available for public rental for special events and also includes an outdoor amphitheater for concerts and other open-air performances. The GPAC offers a year-round calendar of events. Visit them online for tickets to your favorites!

Opelika Performing Arts Center 1700 Lafayette Pkwy, Opelika • 749-8105 eastalabamaarts.org 1100-seat venue featuring the East Alabama Arts Association's performance series and events. Enjoy a full calendar of musicals, concerts, symphonies, and more. The center is also home to performances by Opelika High School's award

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Telfair Peet Theatre 350 W. Samford Ave, Auburn 844-4748 • auburnuniversitytheatre.org Admission charge. From classical to modern productions, Telfair Peet Theatre offers exceptional performances year-round, including five productions September through May, summer dinner theatres, and the annual autumn haunting of the theatre.

Auburn Softball Complex 2560 S. College St, Auburn • 501-2976 auburnalabama.org/softball Local leagues & invitational tournaments, open to spectators.

Opelika Sportsplex and Aquatics Center 1001 Andrews Rd, Opelika 705-5560 • opelikasportsplex.com Open seven days. Fitness center, indoor aquatics center with zero-depth, heated pool, splash park, disc golf course, racquetball courts, outdoor walking areas, indoor rubber track, outdoor amphitheater, and performance stage. Daily rates available to the public. Yarbrough Tennis Center 777 Yarbrough Farms Blvd, Auburn 501-2930 • auburnalabama.org/tennis Auburn's 4300-square-foot complex includes six indoor courts, 12 outdoor hard courts, and 16 outdoor clay courts - one of them a stadium court. Local leagues and invitational tournaments. Open to the public on a pay-per-use basis.

Auburn Soccer Complex 2340 Wire Rd, Auburn • 501-2972 auburnalabama.org/soccer Lighted multi-field facility for local leagues and invitational tournaments, open to spectators.

For the latest updates on area events, festivals, sports, and more, visit the official Auburn-Opelika community calendar at



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Robert Trent Jones Colf Trail at Grand National 3000 Robert Trent Jones Trail, Opelika 749-9042 • rtjgolf.com.

Open seven days per week, sunrise to sunset. Two 18-hole championship courses, Par 72; one 18-hole short course, Par 54

Amenities include a practice range, putting greens, a fully stocked golf shop, locker rooms, restaurant & lounge, and Marriott resort lodging. Built on Lake Saugahatchee, 32 of the 54 holes drape along its filigreed shores. The complex includes the bentgrass Links Course, the championship Bermuda Lake Course, and the 18-hole Short Course.

The Auburn University Club* 1499 N. Donahue Dr, Auburn 1-877-AUB-CLUB • auclub.com Mon noon to sunset; Tue-Sun 8am to sunset. 18-hole championship course, Par 72

Amenities include a 12,000 square foot clubhouse, pool, and tennis facilities. 7326 yard championship golf course situated on 225 acres of beautiful rolling hills and woodlands. Designed by Bill Bergin in 1999, the course surrounds the 25-acre Yarbrough Lake and is partly bordered by Saugahatchee Creek. It has a course rating of 75.3 with a slope rating of 138 on Bermuda grass. Indian Pines Golf Course 900 Country Club Dr, Auburn 821-0880

Open seven days per week, 7:30am to sunset. 18-hole course featuring Bermuda grass in the summer and bent/rye mix in the winter, Par 71

This 6213 yard municipal course has been a favorite for locals and visitors alike since 1976. The course rating is 68.8 with a slope rating of 119, and amenities include a chipping green, putting green, driving range, fully-stocked golf shop, PGA golf lessons, and snack bar.

Saugahatchee Country Club* 3800 Bent Creek Road, Opelika 749-3441 saugahatcheecountryclub.com Open Tues-Sun 7am-Sunset. 18-hole championship course, Par 72 A *Top 5 Colf Course in Alabama* with seven sets of tees for all level of play and back tees playing 7040 yards. MiniVerde Ultra Dwarf Greens, 2-acre short-game practice area with two chipping greens, separate putting green, 25-station driving range with separate teaching, club storage, PCA golf lessons.

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Moore's Mill Golf Club* 1957 Fairway Dr. Auburn 826-8989 · mooresmillclub.com. Weekdays 7:30am to sunset; weekends 7:30am - 5:30pm, 18-hole resort-private course featuring Tifeagle greens, Par 72 A championship course stretching almost 7000 yards throughout the rolling terrain and dense hardwoods native to Eastern Alabama, Designed by Day-Blalock Design team, the layout is versatile, offering just enough challenge for advanced golfers, while remaining player friendly for novice golfers. Amenities include a clubhouse with restaurant, lounge, full service bar, private dining area. locker rooms, golf shop, club storage, and meeting space with high-tech audiovisual equipment. Opened in 2000, the 6818 yard course has a slope rating of 132.

*Private courses can be played with member escort or by contacting Auburn-Opelika Tourism in advance for arrangements.





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