# THE MARRIOTT RESORT AUBURN - OPELIKA GRAND NATIONAL

Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National is the ideal getaway for the whole family. Located just 90 minutes from Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, they provide the ultimate experience in Southern hospitality.

Live luxuriously in one of their deluxe guest rooms after your visit to Auburn University or downtown Opelika. Stay connected with free WiFi. Curb your cravings at Southern Oak Restaurant, featuring many enticing American cuisine selections. Put your golf game to the test at the RTJ Golf Trail at Grand National, boasting 54 holes across three beautiful courses to challenge yourself as the professionals do.

Prepare to be pampered at The Spa at Grand National, the most relaxing way to wind down after a long day on the golf course. Take a dip in one of their three pools, including one indoor pool for a nice swim any time of year. Allow them to host your special event in one of their 13 event rooms, complete with a grand ballroom fit for 500. Escape the ordinary at Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National.

#### **RESORT INFORMATION**

Amenities:

- Three-story, award-winning spa
- Well-equipped fitness center
- 8 clay tennis courts
- 4 lighted pickleball courts
- Outdoor pool with waterfall
- Poolside tiki bar
- Full service restauant with breakfast buffet
- Pub with big screen TVs for sports viewing
- Walking trails
- Pet friendly
- Complementary on-site parking

# AUBURN OPELIKA

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# **ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL AT GRAND NATIONAL**

3000 Robert Trent Jones Trail, Opelika, AL 334-749-9042 | rtjgolf.com/grandnational

Grand National, one of the first of the 11 locations on Alabama's renowned Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail to open, sits on 600-acre Lake Saugahatchee with 32 of the 54 holes along its shores. Three courses are available at Grand National, the Lake Course, Links Course, and Short Course, all of which are 18-holes.

The Links and Lake courses were in the top 10 of *Golf Digests* list of "America's Top 50 Affordable Courses," "Best Golf Courses in Alabama," and all three courses are listed on *Golf Digests*' "Places to Play" among the nation's 40 Super Value courses.

The RTJ Golf Trail at Grand National has hosted the PGA TOUR's Barbasol Championship, NCAA Championships and other prestigious golf tournaments on its courses. The two full length courses are challenging to the pros, but also a fair test of golf for the high handicapper. And the award-winning Short Course is great for beginners and for a bonus round.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Amenities:

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- Driving range
- Chipping and putting greens
- Fully stocked golf shop
- Locker rooms
- Equipment rental
- Lessons
- Restaurant and bar

Open seven days a week, sunrise to sunset.

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The cornerstone of the complex is the Links course, which is without a single weakness. Featuring new tees, bunkers, and the very best TifEagle Ultradwarf greens, the Links is a definite must-play along the Trail. The par-4 18th is without a doubt the strongest finishing hole on the Trail. The drive must carry a corner of the lake, while the approach is played to a shallow pedestal green shored up by massive boulders.

- 18 holes
- 7,404 yards
- Par for course: 72
- Designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr

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With 12 holes hugging the shore, Grand National's Lake course is every bit as scenic as the Links. Not only is the quartet of par threes on the Lake as good as any in the nation, the 230-yard, island green 15th may be the single prettiest hole on the Trail

- 18 holes
- 7,314 yards
- Par for course: 72

hort Course

The Short Course, not to be overshadowed by the two championship 18's, is a thing of beauty, with more than half the holes touching the lake. This 18hole course of par 3's might be the finest anywhere in the country.

### **PINES CROSSING**

900 Country Club Drive, Auburn, AL 334-821-0880 | pinescrossing.com

Pines Crossing Golf Course is an 18-hole public golf course located in Auburn, Alabama and adjacent Opelika, Alabama USA. In 2005 the course was cited by *Golf Digest* in their rating of Auburn as the "best golf city in America". Recently redesigned by Golf Course Architect Bill Bergin, Pines Crossing is a par-72 course measuring 7,031 yards with TifEagle greens and TifTuf fairways. Pines Crossing offers a variety of tees for all skill levels, as well as a newly designed practice facility and short game area that will rival any practice facility in Alabama.

In 1976, the course was sold to the cities of Auburn and Opelika, which have operated it as a municipal course since. After fire destroyed the old clubhouse, a new clubhouse was constructed in 2006. Pines Crossing hosts the Bill Hall Memorial Invitational, an amateur event tournament drawing 200 participants.





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