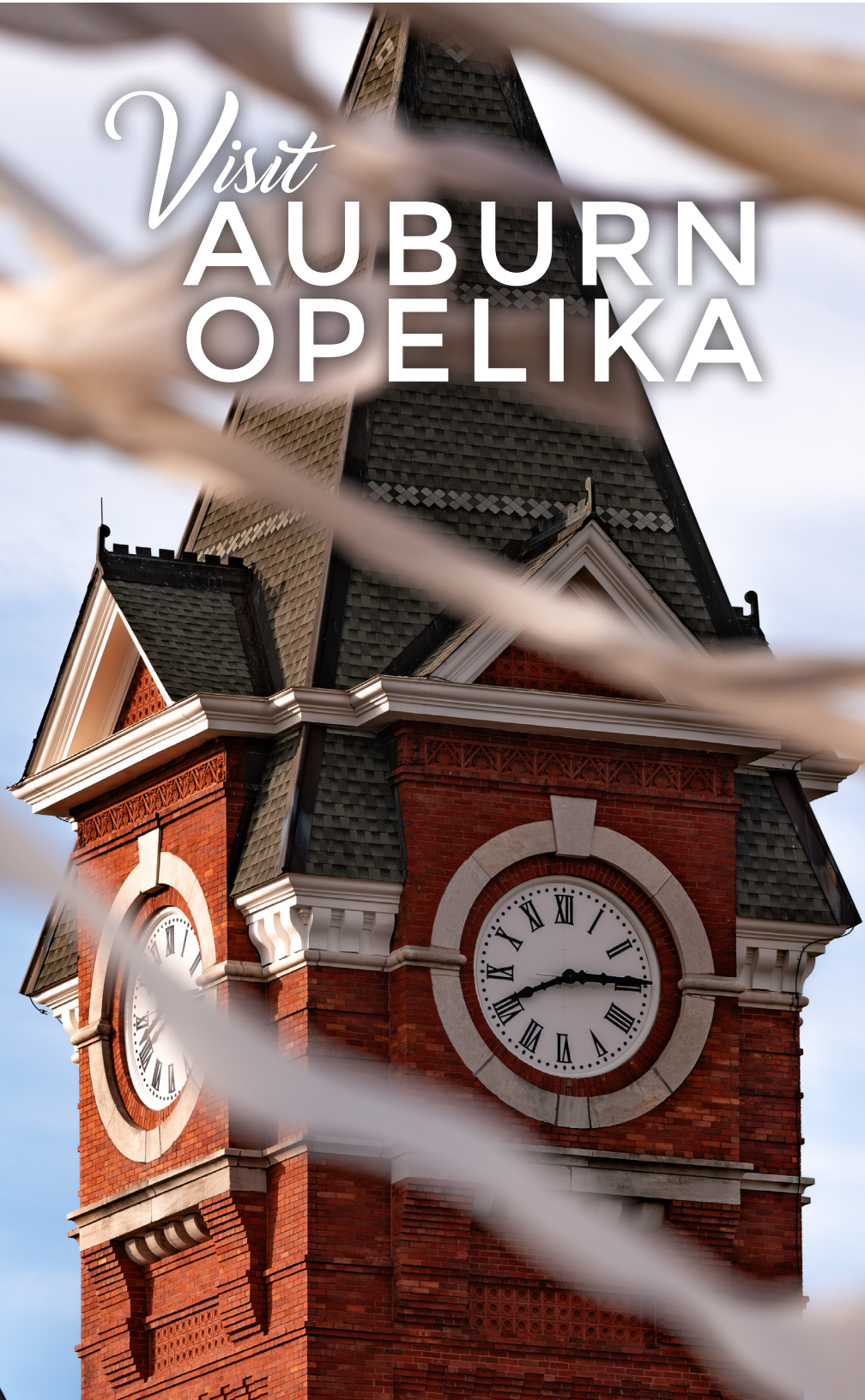


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OPELIKA**





# *Welcome to Auburn-Opelika*

Historic rail lines and scenic drives meander through live oaks, dogwoods, and azaleas to a spirited destination called Auburn-Opelika, Alabama. It's a distinctive place defined by warm hospitality and a surprising mix of activities, made for travelers seeking authentic experiences. It's America's coolest college town and her hip older sister.

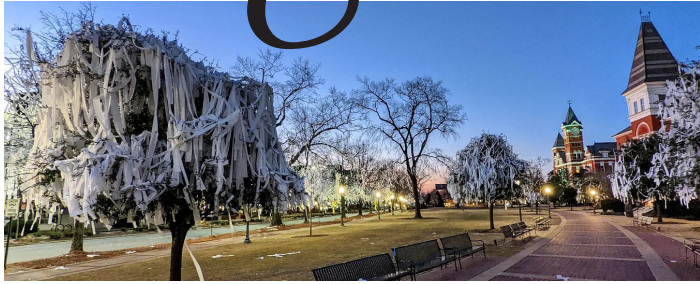
**Auburn-Opelika.  
It gets into your soul.**



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*Things we love  
about Auburn  
& Opelika*



## CULINARY SCENE

From Iron Chef and the James Beard Foundation to *Garden & Gun*, *Southern Living*, and *Wine Spectator*, the whole world is figuring out what we already know: the Auburn-Opelika culinary scene is on fire! Pick your fave and share it with us.



Lucy's

## GOLF GETAWAY

Robert Trent Jones himself proclaimed Grand National the “single greatest site for a golf course” he had ever seen. Grand National has received accolades for everything from the “world’s prettiest hole” to the “world’s best public course.”



RTJ Grand National Golf Course

## ROLLING TOOMER'S CORNER

One of Auburn's oldest and most renowned traditions, thousands of AU faithful will 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.



Toomer's Corner after the Iron Bowl



Gogue Performing Arts Center

## ENGAGE & EXPERIENCE

Diverse, 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. Explore Broadway performances, songwriters festivals, and more.



John Emerald Distillery's Elizabeth Vodka

## LOCAL CRAFT SPIRITS

Opelika boasts not one, but three craft spirit makers: John Emerald Distilling Co., Red Clay Brewing Co., and Resting Pulse Brewing Co. Nestled in the vibrant 1st Avenue district of historic downtown Opelika, these establishments offer a diverse range of artisanal libations. And let's not overlook New Realm Brewing Company within the Rane Culinary Science Center!



4 The Spa at Grand National

## RELAX & UNWIND

Blending modern techniques with the natural elements of Alabama, the award-winning Spa at Grand National is a serene oasis. The Laurel Hotel & Spa offers another luxurious retreat for visitors looking to relax and unwind.

## TOOMER'S LEMONADE

When Toomer's lemonade ranked No. 1 in *Esquire'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 & tangy concoction is the hallmark of Toomer's Drugstore, a beloved Auburn icon occupying the same corner since 1896.



*Famous Lemonade at Toomer's Drugstore*

## WINTER WONDERLAND

We're making spirits bright with a full list of holiday festivities for you and your family to enjoy! From one-of-a-kind annual events to carol concerts, tree lightings, and one of the largest gingerbread villages in the Southeast, we've got everything you need to celebrate your reason for the season.



*Victorian Front Porch Christmas Tour*

## 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. The process took four days to install, one piece at a time.



*Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art*





## 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 to not get goosebumps, regardless of the colors you wear from this phenomenon.

Bald eagles, golden eagles, and other birds of prey are residents of the Auburn University Raptor Center where they are raised and trained to open home football games in this inspirational fashion.



*Scan for more info about the  
Auburn Raptor Center*





# *Eat like a local*

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.



*Scan for the full list of Best  
Bites in Auburn-Opelika!*



Amsterdam Cafe

**O**ur restaurants have been featured in *Garden & Gun*, *Southern Living*, 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



## Ariccia Cucina Italiana

Inspired by a hilltop town of palaces, vineyards, and poets, Ariccia Cucina Italiana opened in 2001 in partnership with Auburn University and its sister campus in Ariccia, Italy. It's a modern escape focusing on the best Italian food, wine, and community. Ariccia honors the classic central-Italian cuisine, focusing on the freshest seasonal products, Italian meats & cheeses, signature Porchetta, house-made focaccia, and wood-fired pizzas. Located inside The Hotel at Auburn University, Ariccia is an upscale casual restaurant offering an intimate setting from candlelight to al

fresco dining where guests can experience a “secret garden” atmosphere among surrounding hedges, a large fountain, and pergola with twinkle lights. Ariccia offers breakfast, lunch, dinner, and brunch. Reservations accepted. \$\$\$

## Niffer's Place

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! Full bar and patio dining available. Reservations not accepted. \$\$

## Hamilton's

Hamilton's offers an intimate and casual atmosphere in downtown Auburn. They serve appetizers, salads, and sandwiches all day. Their menu consists of diverse contemporary American selections which include beef, pork, fish, and chicken of the finest quality. Their chef's entrées are prepared daily and creatively presented. Patio dining and full bar available, live music on Mondays, drink specials daily. Reservations not accepted. \$\$\$

## Auburn Plaza

Brought to us from the creators of the Waverly Local, Auburn Plaza Bar & Lounge is a lively bar and eatery located in Midtown. Featuring creative cuisine and cocktails, Plaza is open for lunch, dinner, and brunch on Saturday & Sunday. The casual space spills onto the outdoor patio, inviting you to meet friends for a drink or come make new ones! \$\$



Hamilton's



Auburn Plaza Bar & Lounge



## Lucy's

Awarded by diners as the #1 restaurant in Auburn by Trip Advisor, Lucy's is a modern American eatery offering a fresh, approachable spin on the classics.

A light and bright California-style restaurant, its menu is ever-changing and filled with fresh seafood, locally-farmed meat and produce. Lucy's is all about shared plates, award-winning cocktails, and a killer wine list with wine on tap.

Hospitality at Lucy's is warm and welcoming, adding to the many attributes that sets the restaurant apart. It's truly a community hub and a place for all people and all occasions – Sunday suppers, first dates, anniversaries, big brunches with friends, and casual drinks at the bar. It's simply where locals and those passing through love to be. Full bar featuring skilled mixologists; open daily. Reservations recommended. Private dining and event space available. \$\$\$

## The Waverly Local

Locals just call it *The Local*, where the menu comes from Southern roots and there's something for every member of the family. The restaurant sources its produce from local growers whenever possible.

**“Seasonally inspired, simple Southern fare amidst mid-century modern decor in a beautifully repurposed garage setting.”**

Waverly Local offers a revolving beer list featuring local craft brews, wine by the glass or bottle, and a full-service bar. Menu items include a daily gulf offering, half smoked chicken, bacon wrapped Wickle's okra, blue crab cakes, and roasted ranch pork. Serving dinner and Sunday brunch. Reservations recommended. Check social media for the live music and specials calendar! \$\$\$

# Byron's Smokehouse

Treat your taste buds to a true Southern feast at Byron's Smokehouse, a local legend serving up the best BBQ in town since 1989! Mouthwatering pit-cooked pork, juicy chicken, sizzling sausage, and fall-off-the-bone ribs. And don't even get us started on breakfast – it's the stuff of legends! Come hungry, leave happy: that's the Byron's promise. \$

# Wildchild Tacos

Wildchild, located in the Hey Day Market, is a Southern-Californian-inspired street taco bar offering a variety of specialty street tacos and traditional sides, including authentic Mexican street corn,

fresh guacamole, and queso "sucio." All of their tacos come on handmade, Heirloom, blue corn, masa tortillas with the choice of queso or guacamole. Along with street tacos, Wild Child serves various types of nachos "locos" and quesadillas. Top off your meal with some churros and an authentic Mexican soda! \$\$

# Little Darling Burger Co.

Little Darling is a classic, all-American spot with specialty burgers sure to impress! Enjoy one-of-a-kind burgers and sandwiches at this cute stop inside Hey Day Market. From a variety of aioli sauces to house-made ketchup, you'll find the perfect pairing for their specialty fries. Don't forget to try their milkshakes and floats! \$\$



Waverly Local



Wild Child Tacos

# Zazu Gastropub

Housed in what was a historic, vacant building in downtown Opelika, Zazu Gastropub is now a 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.

**“We do a lot of different comfort foods from around the U.S. 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.”**

**-Owner-Chef Graham Hage**

Zazu has teamed up with Opelika Grows, Alabama Seafood Co., and Oakview Farms Granary for the restaurant’s ingredients. Zazu offers a full bar with a wide selection of craft beers on tap and bottled. Reservations accepted. \$\$\$

# Pannie-George’s

Pannie-George’s selection of meats and veggies 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, meatloaf, mac & cheese, purple hull peas, banana pudding, and sweet potato pie. \$\$







*Amsterdam Cafe*



*The Depot*

## *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's original location features special event space and two full bars. Their 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 their daily specials, award-winning sandwiches, and market fresh seafood, and you'll find them full of flavor and just what you're looking for! Check out their additional quick-service locations. Full bar and terrace dining available. Reservations accepted. \$\$\$

## *The Depot*

Auburn's finest and freshest seafood! The Depot is a gulf-coastal brasserie with a globally inspired menu where sea meets land. Constructed in 1847, this fabled train depot rests at the gateway of downtown Auburn. With a prominent role in the history of the city, the time-worn tracks of The Depot have seen the face of war and abandonment. Now over 150 years later, The Hound owners Matt & Jana Poirier have resurrected the building to house the area's first fresh seafood restaurant where, along with co-owner and Executive Chef Scott Simpson, they bring globally-inspired cuisine to the heart of Alabama in this historically relevant setting.

The Depot plates up the finest and freshest seafood in the area, elevating the culinary scene in the community with cuisine that, cooked simply and spectacularly, serves to honor their Southern heritage. \$\$\$

# 1856 - Culinary Residence

**1856 - Culinary Residence is an elegant teaching restaurant named after the year of Auburn University's founding and anchoring the first floor of the Tony & Libba Rane Culinary Science Center. Students in the Horst Schulze School of Hospitality Management work under the guidance of visiting chefs to prepare and serve an à la carte lunch menu and the current, prix-fixe tasting menu during dinner service. Each fall, a nationally acclaimed chef arrives to create a unique restaurant concept, providing a one-of-a-kind, evolving culinary experience for students and restaurant guests alike. The open kitchen invites diners to observe as their food is prepared, while a soaring two-story wine room stocked with bottles from around the world provides a stunning dining backdrop.**

**1856 sets the stage in a dramatic fashion for students, faculty, and visitors to experience all that the best Auburn hospitality has to offer. Full bar and Master Sommelier. Serving lunch and dinner. Reservations required. \$\$\$**





Acre

## Cafe 123

A fine dining restaurant serving Southern and continental cuisine with a hip, vintage atmosphere located in the heart of historic downtown Opelika. Their primary goal is to provide 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 Eron Bass' specials and fresh catches. Try the beer-battered asparagus with lemon aioli, classic tableside Caesar salad for two, and anything with Chef's famous brown sugar rub.. Full bar available. Reservations recommended. \$\$\$

## The Hound

The Hound is a family-owned restaurant and bar featuring over-the-top American classics, top shelf bourbon, and 28 craft beers on tap. The owners returned 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, 16 oz steaks, thick cut bone-in Berkshire chop, home-spun vanilla bean ice cream, and bread pudding with a bourbon caramel sauce. The 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.”**

The Hound sources locally and regionally and harvests from the Hound family farm in Lafayette, Alabama when possible. Try their fantastic brunch. Full bar. Reservations requested. \$\$\$

## Acre

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 enjoys the extra dedication and labor required by their type of food. The menu moves with the rhythms of the seasons and the unpredictability of the harvest. Their 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 uses the freshest seafood, with special emphasis on fish and shellfish from the Alabama Gulf Coast. Full bar available. Reservations recommended. \$\$\$

## 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 an assortment of smoked meats cooked over a live-fire Kudu grill, a selection of Southern sides including hashbrown casserole, collard greens, and brisket beans; and an extensive selection of real Tex-Mex cuisine. A full bar and creative cocktail menu round out the experience. \$\$



The Hound



Bow & Arrow



# The Irritable Bao

The Irritable Bao might be a funny name, but their food is seriously yummy. A tiny storefront in the heart of downtown Auburn, the Irritable Bao is known for incredibly delicious, authentic Chinese bao.

The casual dining hot spot has a menu that changes daily. You can find it on Instagram or Facebook, and the lines form promptly. But don't let that turn you away from experiencing the best bao in the South because "The longer the line is, the faster your service is," says owner, Whitley Dykes.

The atmosphere of the small space is upbeat, friendly, and energetic. The walls are lined with photographs of grinning customers and the children in Asia who benefit from the restaurant's proceeds. People might come for the bao, but they come back for the buns. Or the shrimp bowl. Or the Brussels sprouts. With a new menu each day, it's hard to say what the most popular menu items are. You'll just have to try it for yourself. \$\$







# Let's go shopping!

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](http://AOTourism.com) or scan the code below.



*Scan for a list of retailers in Auburn-Opelika!*



## AUBURN TIGER GEAR

Auburn Art  
102 N. College St, Auburn • 334-887-7788

AU Team Shop  
129 S. College St, Auburn • 334-329-7043

J&M Bookstore  
115 S. College St, Auburn • 334-887-7007

Stamp  
115 N. College St, Auburn • 334-821-7196

## GIFTS, ACCESSORIES, HOME FURNISHINGS

Angel's Antique & Flea Mall  
900 Columbus Pkwy, Opelika • 334-745-3221

Auburn Oil Co. Booksellers  
149 E. Magnolia Ave, Auburn • 334-246-3003

Botanic  
1702 Frederick Rd, Opelika • 34-748-9082

Dayspring Nature Shop  
1011 Avenue C, Opelika • 334-203-1965

Designer's Warehouse  
804 N. Railroad Ave, Opelika • 334-363-2818

Era Waverly  
1473 Patrick St, Waverly • 334-610-0044

Fig & Wasp Antiques  
1500 Patrick St, Waverly • 334-444-0241

The Flower Store  
2290 Moores Mill Rd, Auburn • 334-887-9303

The Gallery on Railroad  
809 S. Railroad Ave, Opelika • 334-749-2462

Home + Vine  
1212 Gatewood Dr, Auburn • 334-521-7485

Jule Collins Smith Museum Gift Shop  
901 S. College St, Auburn • 334-844-1484

The locAL Market (inside J&M)  
115 S. College St, Auburn • 334-887-7007

Mathison Interiors  
1280 Moores Mill Rd, Auburn • 334-277-0310

Wakefield Home  
201 S. 8th St, Opelika • 334-203-1513

Ware Jewelers  
111 S. College St, Auburn • 334-821-7375  
2163 TigerTown Pkwy, Opelika • 334-749-5005

Well Red  
223 Opelika Rd, Auburn • 334-246-3021  
1150 N. Donahue Dr, Auburn

Wrapsody  
112 N. College St, Auburn • 334-887-7447



Downtown Opelika



Behind the Glass

## MEN'S CLOTHING, SPORTS & OUTDOOR

- The Atelier Auburn  
134 N. College St, Auburn • 334-329-2877
- Dink & Volley Pickleball  
510 Geneva St, Opelika • 334-363-9958
- The Locker Room  
175 E. Magnolia Ave, Auburn • 334-321-4962
- Love 2 Run  
1957 E. Samford Ave, Auburn • 334-521-7288

Mountain High Outfitters  
339 S. College St, Auburn • 334-246-3570

Reynold's Outdoors  
904 Geneva St, Opelika • 334-745-7642

## WOMEN'S CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

Behind the Glass  
168 E. Magnolia Ave, Auburn • 334-826-1133

Charming Oaks  
123 N. College St, Auburn • 334-329-7522

Coveted Closet  
829 S. Railroad Ave, Opelika • 334-745-7746

Ellie  
113 N. College St, Auburn • 334-887-4226

Elisabet Boutique  
124 N. College St, Auburn • 334-209-2504

fab'rik  
140 N. College St, Auburn • 334-246-3301

Fringe Consignment  
125 S. 8th St, Opelika • 334-705-6727

Lily Jane Boutique  
1310 Opelika Rd, Auburn • 334-521-7103

Magnolia James Boutique  
2301 Ogletree Village, Auburn • 334-521-0063

The Mint Julep Boutique  
1627 Opelika Rd #30, Auburn • 334-246-3621

The Mix  
152 N. College St, Auburn

Therapy  
150 E. Magnolia Ave, Auburn • 334-821-3025

Scarlet and Gold  
1850 Shug Jordan Pkwy, Auburn • 334-209-0299

Studio 3:19  
804 N. Railroad Ave, Opelika • 334-203-1296

The Surcie Shoppe  
201 S. 9th St, Opelika • 334-737-6714

Taylor Made Designs  
120 S. 8th St, Opelika • 334-749-2343

# Shred City

In the southernmost 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 South 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. 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 their weekly Tuesday night rides and the Sunday afternoon ride!

Chewacla State Park  
124 Shell Toomer Pkwy, Auburn  
334-887-5621 • [alapark.com/parks](http://alapark.com/parks)



*Scan for more info on mountain biking in Auburn-Opelika*





*Chewacla State Park*

**F**rom parks to play bills, we offer a variety of places and ways for your family to unplug and engage. Both cities offer spacious, well-maintained parks and facilities for outdoor play or spectator sports, and Auburn University has a full calendar of events so you can take in some of the best collegiate sports action in the U.S.

**Cultural enrichment opportunities abound in Auburn-Opelika! Take a stroll through the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art or visit the Museum of East Alabama. The Gogue Performing Arts Center offers award-winning stage productions all year long.**

## **CHEWACLA STATE PARK**

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, renovated cabins, and glamping sites. Open 8am to sunset. Admission charged. 124 Shell Toomer Pkwy, Auburn • 334-887-5621

## **TOWN CREEK PARK**

Town Creek Park offers walking trails around Town Creek Pond, seating areas, a pavilion, and a dog park. The park opened an ADA accessible playground in 2022 complete with ziplines, rock walls, and sensory and motor skills elements. Town Creek Park is the site for the Spring Sundown Concert Series each May and the City Market during the summer months. Open sunrise to sunset. 1150 S. Gay St, Auburn • 334-501-2930



*Scan for more info on recreation in Auburn-Opelika*

## **KIESEL PARK**

Auburn's largest park, featuring a pavilion, gardens, pond, and a 2 1/4 mile walking trail. Kiesel Park offers an off-leash area for dogs. The historic Nunn-Winston house is located at this park & is available for rental for private functions. Open sunrise to sunset.  
520 Chadwick Ln, Auburn · 334-501-2930

## **KREHER PRESERVE & NATURE CENTER**

A playground for kids and adults alike, this 120-acre preserve includes points of interest like the Sensory Forest, Longleaf Pine Demonstration Forest, Wildflower Trail, Boulder Ridge, Butterfly & Vegetable Gardens, and Hidden Falls.

**A nature playground invites children to explore a rich, naturalistic experience...**

...complete with mounds, ditches, logs, tunnels, fallen trees, boulders, and creative structures including a beaver lodge, tree house, and

eagles nest. The preserve includes interpretive kiosks, 30 hiking trails, and a full calendar of educational programs and events. Open sunrise to sunset. 2222 N. College St, Auburn · 334-844-8091

## **HICKORY DICKORY PARK**

A community-built park equipped with two separate playgrounds for younger and older children. In true Auburn fashion, the park includes its own Toomer's Corner & College Street complete with a blue pawprint. Covered pavilions, picnic tables, and open grass area on site. Open sunrise to sunset. 1399 Hickory Ln, Auburn · 334-501-2930

## **OPELIKA MUNICIPAL "MONKEY" PARK**

Home of a vintage miniature train, the beloved Rocky Brook Rocket, and the relocated 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. Home of Summer Swing. Open sunrise to sunset. Park Rd, Opelika · 334-705-5549



*Opelika Municipal Park*



*Chewacla State Park*



*Opelika Pickleball Pavilion*



*Town Creek Inclusive Playground*

## **OPELIKA SPORTSPLEX AND AQUATICS CENTER**

Open seven days. Covered, outdoor pickleball courts, 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. Outdoor facilities open daily to the public and daily rates available for indoor.

**The Opelika Sportsplex is home to a 24-court, state-of-the-art pickleball pavilion. The pavilion features LED lighting and regulation courts for tournament-style play. It's free and open to the public for 24-7 use.**

This facility is one of the premier pickleball facilities in the nation, offering thoughtful amenities. All 24 courts are individually fenced, and the entire facility is covered by a large canopy, providing shade and

protection from the elements. The facility is situated directly behind the Opelika SportsPlex, giving players access to ample parking, bathrooms, lockers, showers, and concessions. 1001 Andrews Rd, Opelika • 334-705-5560 • [opelikasportsplex.com](http://opelikasportsplex.com)

## **YARBROUGH TENNIS CENTER**

Auburn's 4,300-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. 777 Yarbrough Farms Blvd, Auburn • 334-501-2920 • [auburnalabama.org/tennis](http://auburnalabama.org/tennis)

## **WIRE ROAD SOCCER COMPLEX**

Lighted multi-field facility for local leagues and invitational tournaments, open to spectators. 2340 Wire Rd, Auburn • 334-501-2972 • [auburnalabama.org/soccer](http://auburnalabama.org/soccer)

## **MUSEUM OF EAST ALABAMA**

Over 5000 artifacts including 19th- and 20th-century local, state, and general history items. 121 S. 9th St, Opelika. 334-749-2751 • [eastalabama.org](http://eastalabama.org) • Free admission.



## **JULE COLLINS SMITH MUSEUM OF FINE ART**

Fine art museum featuring formal sculpture gardens, an expansive permanent collection, and traveling and temporary exhibitions, as well as concerts, films, and lectures by artists and scholars. 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. 901 S. College St, Auburn • 334-844-1484 • [jcsm.auburn.edu](http://jcsm.auburn.edu) • Free admission.

## **JAN DEMPSEY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER**

Community theater, ballroom dancing, featured regional artists, traveling exhibitions, and educational and instructional programs. 222 E. Drake Ave, Auburn • 334-501-2930 [auburnalabama.org/arts](http://auburnalabama.org/arts). Free admission.

## **OPELIKA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

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 winning drama program. 1700 Lafayette Pkwy, Opelika • 334-749-8105 • [eastalabamaarts.org](http://eastalabamaarts.org)

## **PIONEER PARK**

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, open-hearth cooking, spinning and weaving, blacksmithing and re-enactments, and demonstrations about Native American and pioneer culture. Find their full calendar of festivals and events online. 6500 Stage Rd, Loachapoka • 334-887-3007 • [leecountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://leecountyhistoricalsociety.org) • Free admission.



*Scan for more info on  
the arts & culture in  
Auburn-Opelika*



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The Collegiate Hotel

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