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FIND YOUR PERFECT HOTEL
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Your Perfect Tuscaloosa Getaway

No matter the season, Tuscaloosa buzzes with excitement year-round. Check out our local tips to make the most of your *perfect* Tuscaloosa getaway.

FRIDAY

EVENING: Head to our charming downtown area to see for yourself what T-Town is all about. Check out local favorites, from upscale pubs to trendy pizza bars. Grab dinner at **Avenue Pub** and start with the Conecuh + pimento green tomatoes, a quintessential Alabama dish. Enjoy a nightcap with a pint from **Black Warrior Brewing Company**.

Insider's Tip: During summer, enjoy the popular tradition of Live at the Plaza, a free concert series that takes place at Government Plaza on Friday nights.

SATURDAY

MORNING: Fuel up with breakfast from **Babe's Doughnut + Coffee**. You can't go wrong with the Southwest wrap or Conecuh sausage kolache. Then head to the **Tuscaloosa Farmers Market** (located at the

River Market) to buy the biggest tomatoes you've ever seen. Grab a piece of That Cheesecake's white chocolate cheesecake for a treat to go.

Insider's Tip: Southern Ale House also serves this cheesecake. It's glorious. Seriously.

Continue your morning along **The Riverwalk**, a paved trail that runs alongside the Black Warrior River. The trail features plenty of benches, gazebos and hammock-friendly trees for quick breaks (or a picnic!).

Insider's Tip: Grab a rental from Tuscaloosa Paddleboard for a more exciting way to enjoy the river.

LUNCH: Head across the river to Northport's quaint downtown for some barbecue at **Archibald's**. Located in a small, rustic shack, the restaurant is #7 on The South's Top 50 Barbecue Joints in 2023 by Southern Living and voted #1 by AL.com.



Did You Know? Our city is named after **Chief Tuskaloosa**, a Native American chief who had a fateful encounter with explorer **Hernando de Soto** in the 16th century.

After lunch, snap pics at local iconic spots. First up, the kids' favorite — a giant wire-art bunny that welcomes everyone to the **Kentuck Art Center**. Around the corner, you'll find the "Roll Tide" Bridge and **Mark's Mart**, home of the original Chicken Swirl.

AFTERNOON: Spend the rest of your afternoon shopping at **Midtown Village**, the **University Mall** or downtown Tuscaloosa's cute boutiques and art galleries. When you're ready for a break, stop by the nearest **Heritage House**, Tuscaloosa's first locally owned coffee shop.

EVENING: Catch a concert under the stars at the **Tuscaloosa Amphitheater**. Everybody from the latest country stars to rock 'n' roll legends and hip-hop royalty perform here. The historic **Bama Theatre** or the **Druid City Music Hall** are also great choices for an indoor performance. For a quieter evening, enjoy the sunset over the Black Warrior River from **The Lookout**, a rooftop bar at **Hotel Indigo**.

Insider's Tip: Looking for a restaurant with something for everyone? Chuck's has a diverse menu of seafood, pizza and sushi.

SUNDAY

MORNING: Dive into local history, starting with a stop at **Capitol Park**, the former site of Alabama's state capitol building before Montgomery. Explore the **Tuscaloosa Civil Rights Trail** (p. 12-13), where you'll meet Tuscaloosa men and women crucial to the Civil Rights Movement. Visit **Moundville Archaeological Park**, a Native American heritage site that was once home to America's largest city north of Mexico.

LUNCH (OR BRUNCH!): Some say there's nothing more Tuscaloosa than Tex-Mex

restaurant **Taco Casa**, which serves up tacos, burritos, nachos and the perfect sweet tea with crushed ice. They even have an Emmy Award-winning actress in their corner — Sela Ward, a former University of Alabama (UA) cheerleader and homecoming queen, loves Taco Casa. "That secret sauce with the meat-and-cheese combo is nirvana," she says.

Insider's Tip: For an upscale option, try River's delicious brunch burger, or step into FIVE for the chicken and waffles with a side of live jazz.

AFTERNOON: No trip would be complete without exploring **UA's campus**. Walk through **the Quad**, a 22-acre greenspace flanked by beautiful architecture and the **Gorgas Library**.

Insider's Tip: Traveling with little ones? Palmore Park has a splash pad.

EVENING: After a weekend of excitement, wind down with a wine flight and charcuterie board from **The Wine Market** in downtown Tuscaloosa or a specialty cocktail at **Session Cocktails**. Looking for something with a little more spice? Enjoy the fajita gumbo and a margarita at **Jalapeños Mexican Grill**.

The following pages are filled with more restaurants, adventures and activities for the whole family. Make your Tuscaloosa getaway one to remember.



HOTELS GALORE!

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Roll Tide! WELCOME TO THE ULTIMATE SPORTS DESTINATION

Tuscaloosa isn't just home to the 18-time national champion Alabama Crimson Tide football team — there's a slew of collegiate sports at UA and tons of Bama traditions. Here's a four-quarter breakdown of T-Town's best sports offerings.

IT'S GAME DAY!

Rama Jama's: Kick off game day with a National Champion BLT — currently, that's 18 strips of bacon — at Rama Jama's, a diner located in the shadow of Bryant-Denny Stadium and walls filled with all things Crimson Tide.

Tailgating on the Quad: Join thousands of Bama fans on the Quad for all of your favorite gameday food, rounds of cornhole and lots of people watching.

Walk of Champions: Cheer on your favorite players and coach along the Walk of Champions about two hours before kickoff. Snap your selfies with legendary coaches' statues and Tuska, a humongous bronze elephant.

Coca-Cola Kickoff Zone: Let the kids loose at the North End of Bryant-Denny, where they can play fun inflatable games and meet former players during autograph sessions.

The Elephant Stomp: Listen to the Million Dollar Band perform UA's fight song "Yea, Alabama" along with the cheerleaders on the steps of Gorgas Library about an hour before kickoff.



Bryant-Denny Stadium
(Crimson Tide Photos / University of
Alabama Athletics)

Gallettes: It wouldn't be a game day without indulging in a **Yellow Hammer** from Gallettes! This potent tailgate cocktail is served in iconic yellow plastic tumblers.

🎵 *Rammer Jammer, Yellow Hammer*
Give 'em hell, Alabama! 🎵

WATCH THE TIDE WIN (AND CELEBRATE)!

Football Game: Cheer the Crimson Tide to victory in the electric atmosphere of Bryant-Denny Stadium. Grab a shaker, indulge with Dreamland BBQ nachos and sing "Rammer Jammer" after the win!

The Strip: When Bama wins, The Strip is the place to be! Fans swarm the nearby street to buy their gameday gear, party at The Houndstooth Sports Bar and satiate late-night cravings at Waffle House.

MAKE ANY DAY GAME DAY!

Not a football weekend? We aren't called Title Town for nothing! All other Bama sports deliver the same energy for the whole family. Cheer on basketball, gymnastics, softball, baseball, tennis and more.

No trip to Tuscaloosa is complete without a visit to the **Paul W. Bryant Museum**. See artifacts, memorabilia and historic videos telling the special story of Alabama football. Around the corner, you might catch the **Million Dollar Band** performing on the practice field near Moody Music Hall. In the distance, you can hear the ringing of **Denny Chimes** — the anchor of the Quad.



Did You Know? UA boasts **26 national championships** and over **100 SEC championships** across all sports!

Surrounding Denny Chimes, is the **Walk of Fame**, where former football captains have imprinted their hands and feet into the concrete. Round out your day with a stop at Bryant-Denny Stadium to see the **Walk of Champions** and pose with statues of National-Championship winning coaches along the **Coaches Walk**.

GRAB YOUR GAME DAY GEAR!

You've gotta look the part! Our shops can dress you from head to toe in crimson-and-white apparel — even your pets. Check out **The Locker Room** (a local gem for men's clothing), the **Supe Store** on campus, **Alumni Hall** in Midtown, **Alabama Express** on The Strip and **Alabama Vintage** downtown.



TAKE A TIMEOUT FOR SOME GRUB

See T-Town's top sports bars and restaurants!



Lake Nicol

Into the Wild:

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

From camping and boating to fishing, hiking, kayaking and biking, Tuscaloosa County's lakes, rivers and trails are the perfect playground for outdoor enthusiasts.

RIVER RANGERS

The heart of Tuscaloosa is the **Black Warrior River**, and **The Riverwalk** is a testament to the city's adoration of this waterway. With 4.2 miles of woody, pet-friendly paths along the river's southern bank — plus a playground and splash pad for the littles — there's fun to be had around every bend.

The Randall Family Park and Trailhead along the northern bank of the Riverwalk adds to the excitement, offering additional places to explore and revel in the Black Warrior's beauty. Tuscaloosa's neighboring city Northport offers a paved path connecting guests to their historic downtown.

PLAYTIME PROS

Thanks to the city's array of parks and playgrounds, playtime is never far away. The sprawling **Sokol Park** offers bike trails, playfields and **Mason's Place**, the city's first public all-inclusive playground designed to allow children of all ages and abilities to play together.

For families with older kids, **Hurricane Creek Park** is home to swimming holes and about seven miles of hiking trails. To check out more parks and playgrounds, visit tccpara.org.

LAKE LOVERS AND CAMPING CONNOISSEURS

The scenic retreat of **Lake Lurleen State Park** is only nine miles from Tuscaloosa and features 91 campsites with water and electric hookups. The real star of the show is the lake itself and its 23 miles of shore-hugging trails that beckon hikers and bikers alike.

Other local favorites include **Lake Nicol**, which is popular with bird watchers and paddleboarders, and **Harris Lake**, where you'll often find locals going for a swim. Venture a bit further afield to discover **Deerlick Creek Campground**, where 46 campsites are nestled in a forest along the shores of **Holt Lake**.



TAKE A DIP!

Check out the seven best swimming holes in Tuscaloosa!



Lake Lurleen State Park



FISHING FANATICS

The **Black Warrior River** contains thousands of spotted bass per river mile, making it a dream destination for fishing. **Lake Tuscaloosa**, a man-made reservoir with nearly 270 miles of shorelines, offers three public boat landings. Here, you're likely to catch Alabama spotted bass, largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and white crappie.



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Live Like a Local:

YOUR BUCKET LIST FOR FUN IN TUSCALOOSA AND NORTHPORT

Whether you're searching for family-friendly fun, the perfect date-night spot or an outing with friends, here's your ultimate guide to fun in Tuscaloosa and Northport.



Clockwise: Moundville Archaeological Park, Alabama Museum of Natural History, Denny Chimes



EXPERIENCE ANCIENT HISTORY

Located south of town and along a large bend in the Black Warrior River lies **The University of Alabama's Moundville Archaeological Park**. One of the nation's leading Native American heritage sites, this park was once home to a powerful prehistoric community. The park includes mounds, outdoor exhibits, an immersive museum and frequent demonstrations of arts and skills representative of the descendant tribes.

If You Go: Don't miss the museum's immersive exhibit, "Lost Realm of the Black Warrior," featuring more than 200 ancient artifacts, recreated scenes with lifelike figures and a multimedia show.

SAMPLE SOUTHERN FARE

While the South is known for homestyle comfort food, it's also home to a vast network of artisans and farmers offering an array of hyper-local produce, crafts and baked goods. Taste what's in season every Saturday at the **Tuscaloosa River Market** overlooking the Black Warrior River.

If You Go: After leaving the market, venture by *Summer Snow* for a cool treat (summers only) or to one of our many local coffee shops.

TREAT YOUR KIDS TO A DAY OF PLAY

Most museums are torture for kids who want to touch everything they see — and for the parents who have to restrain them. But at the **Children's Hands-On Museum**, kids are encouraged to engage and play with the interactive exhibits, making for a stress-free day of fun.



If you're ready to beat the heat and want hours of fun with the whole family, check out the water slide at **Bowers Park** or head indoors to **Bowlero**, **UpSurge Trampoline Park** or **Shindig Family Entertainment Center**.

SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS

The heart and soul of the region's art scene, the **Kentuck Art Center and Festival** is an experiential arts and culture economic engine located in historic downtown Northport. On any given day in **Kentuck's Courtyard of Wonders**, you can watch a ceramic bowl emerge from a lump of clay or a weathervane grow from hammered metal in a blacksmith's forge.

If You Go: Pop in to the Kentuck Gallery Shop to buy your own piece of Alabama art.



MAKE THE MOST OF TUSCALOOSA'S *All-in-One Tickets*

A trip to Tuscaloosa isn't complete without a visit to The University of Alabama's campus and all of the wonderful museums and galleries available. For one price, purchase your three-day pass to these sites:

- **The Paul W. Bryant Museum:** Opened in 1988, this extensive collection of UA memorabilia pays homage to beloved former coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.
- **The Alabama Museum of Natural History:** Discover the ancient life, archaeological past and natural beauty of Alabama through exhibits that tell stories dating back 500 million years.
- **Gorgas House Museum:** The oldest building on campus, the Gorgas House has served many purposes and continues to educate visitors about the family it is named for.
- **The Mildred Westervelt Warner Transportation Museum:** Explore exciting exhibits that revolve around transportation-related topics that gave rise to Tuscaloosa's development and human culture.

Also includes admission to Moundville Archaeological Park and Lake Lurleen State Park.



GRAB YOUR TICKETS

All-in-One passes cover your admission to these locations. Purchase online today!



Tuscaloosa's Must-Try Restaurants

Whether you crave comfort food, pub fare or fine cuisine, you'll get your fill in Tuscaloosa and Northport, Tuscaloosa's neighboring city.

Bryant-Denny Stadium isn't the only place you'll find a legacy of traditions in the Druid City — it's also home to a rich culinary heritage. Along with a lengthy list of popular chain franchises, you'll find homegrown favorites sure to please any palate. Here's where to go when hunger hits.

CLASSIC SOUTHERN FARE

If you only have time for one meal in Tuscaloosa, make it barbecue. From **Archibald & Woodrow's** to **Thomas Rib Shack** and **Dreamland BBQ**, this is a city that knows how to do ribs right.

For other regional favorites like biscuit sandwiches and pimento cheese dip, head to **Southern Ale House**, for the best in Southern seafood, grab a table at **Half Shell Oyster House**, and if you're after a steak, don't miss **Nick in the Sticks**.

What Locals Like: A staple in Downtown Northport since 1931, *City Café* was once lauded by Oprah Magazine as one of the two best eating spots in Alabama. "City Café in Northport offers Southern-style mains,

like chicken-fried steak and fried chicken livers, partnered with three or four comfort sides, including fried green tomatoes and stewed squash."

INNOVATIVE FINE DINING

Named for an icon of the Civil Rights Movement, **Chuck's Fish** has been a Tuscaloosa institution since 2006. All the featured fish at Chuck's comes from the family's own wholesale market, Harbor Docks in Destin, and the sushi counter is managed by renowned chef Yoshie Eddings.

For Southern cuisine with a hyper-local spin, enjoy an evening at **Side By Side**, which offers contemporary southern cuisine with a creole twist, using only the freshest ingredients from local artisan farms. **River** serves up an urban dining experience on the banks of the Black Warrior River.

What Locals Like: Served with marinated arugula and horseradish creme fraiche, the fried oysters at *Evangeline's* can convert even the staunchest anti-oyster foodie.

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS

Once you've had your fill of Southern favorites, discover Tuscaloosa's global cuisine scene. Locals flock to **DePalma's Italian Cafe** for pasta, **Antojitos Izcalli** for huaraches, **Ichiban Japanese Grill** for sushi, **Hooligans** for gyros and **Rolf's Deli & Sausages** for homemade German dishes.

What Locals Like: Central Mesa's street tacos are a fan favorite, especially when paired with a Ranch Water cocktail.

FIND YOUR MORNING FIX

Start your day like the locals at one of these buzzworthy coffee shops — just a few of the several around town.

Turbo Coffee: Locally roasted beans make for great coffee, but Turbo's signature beverages are what really set it apart. Try a Cold Brew Tonic or a Green Eye.

Monarch Espresso Bar: This is where locals go when they simply need to get out of the house, read a book for pleasure or play a board game while sipping a salted caramel latte with a friend.

Strange Brew Coffee: This Mississippi staple is bringing all their caffeine vibes to The Strip. Don't pass on their house blends that bring out the best flavors of Tanzanian coffee beans.

Heritage House: With three locations around town, you're always near some great coffee and the greatest tea collection in Tuscaloosa.



FIND MORE EXCELLENT EATS

Here's a full list of places to eat in Tuscaloosa and Northport!

TCL Local Spotlight

SHARON THOMAS

Co-Owner of **Thomas Rib Shack**

Thomas Rib Shack is a "meat-and-three" restaurant that's never advertised but has thrived for over 50 years. And that's because the food speaks for itself. "If you have good food, the people will come," says second-generation co-owner Sharon Thomas.

The Southern dishes are down-home, authentic and consistent, served in a family-first atmosphere (yep, her kids work there too). Sharon remembers her parents perfecting their famous BBQ sauce in the kitchen when she was just 11 years old, and it's been the same ever since. That's what keeps people coming back for more.



What to Expect: "Nothing fancy. Just us." And that's more than enough.

Must-Try: The classic fried chicken, fall-off-the-bone ribs, mac and cheese, cornbread.



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Best Bars & Breweries

Whether you're looking for a tasty cocktail, a craft beer or a glass of wine, Tuscaloosa's bars and breweries don't disappoint.

When it comes to the sipping, socializing scene, Tuscaloosa has a lot to offer. The bevy of breweries, wine and cocktail bars and college hangouts quench your thirst for a night on the town.



Black Warrior Brewing Company:

The barbershop-turned-brewery on University Boulevard is known for small-batch and seasonal beers brewed on site. Sip in the taproom or head upstairs for a game of cornhole or shuffleboard.

What to Expect: Laidback vibes

Best Beverage: River Fog New England IPA

Bear Trap Rooftop Bar: Craving late-night bar bites? The Bear Trap serves the best of it in their rockin' atmosphere that draws the crowds.

What to Expect: College nightlife

Best Beverage: Whatever's on tap



TCL Local Spotlight

BO HICKS

Owner of **Druid City Brewing**

Tuscaloosa's first craft brewery has some serious hometown pride: The brewery features local artwork on the walls and local musicians jamming away while brewing some of the best craft beers in town. Everybody wants to be at Bo Hicks' Druid City Brewing on any given night for the fun, welcoming atmosphere.

Often recognized by his signature blue glasses, Bo can be spotted at the grill, behind the bar or beside the stage serving as the host with the most. Druid City Brewing fosters a community-centered atmosphere, where originality thrives — and where Bo hopes you'll leave inspired.

What to Expect: A craft brewery that's not pretentious. Delicious beers inspired by the local community.

Best Beverage: The Parkview Porter

The Wine Market: This is the perfect gathering spot for a night on the town. Pair a glass, a bottle or a flight with their delicious small-plates menu.

What to Expect: Date night, Girls' night out

Best Beverage: It's always a good time for rosé

Session Cocktails: The modern speakeasy specializes in pre-prohibition classic cocktails like the gimlet, Moscow mule and old fashioned.

What to Expect: Happy hour, late-night cocktails

Best Beverage: Ask for the bartender's favorite! They're all so good.

Roll Call: Located on the rooftop of The Alamite Hotel, this bar offers amazing views of the Tuscaloosa night life happening below.

What to Expect: Upscale casual

Best Beverage: Left-Handed Hummingbird

The Houndstooth: With a three-page menu of bourbons, The Houndstooth is iconic. Located at the heart of The Strip, the party is happening just down the street from Bryant-Denny Stadium.

What to Expect: College nightlife

Best Beverage: Tour the bourbons



EXPLORE MORE OF OUR BARS & BREWERIES

View a full list of bars and breweries in Tuscaloosa!



A Rich History

History runs deep in Tuscaloosa County. Dive into the area's past to understand how it shaped the present.



Paul R. Jones Gallery

The Tuscaloosa Civil Rights Trail

You may have heard of events in Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham, but have you heard Tuscaloosa's story of the Civil Rights Movement? Through the courageous efforts of many foot soldiers, the color barrier was broken down over the years. The **Tuscaloosa Civil Rights Trail** was created to honor those stories — many untold. The trail is a self-guided walking tour through downtown Tuscaloosa with a total of 18 stops including:

- Gov. George Wallace's stand in the schoolhouse door at The University of Alabama's Foster Auditorium
- On June 9, 1964, a peaceful protest led by local pastors and inspired by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr became known as "Bloody Tuesday"
- How the United Klans of America headquarters, based in Tuscaloosa, was shuttered and the Ku Klux Klan was bankrupt
- Local barber Rev. Thomas Linton formed mass meetings, helped secure jobs for Black members of the community and protected individuals such as Autherine Lucy, UA's first enrolled African American student
- The Old Jail and the site where lynching took place
- Renowned art collector Paul R. Jones donated more than 1,700 works of African American art to UA, on display at the Paul R. Jones Gallery and considered among the largest collections in the world. This generous gift was made after Jones was accepted to the University of Alabama School of Law, only to be rejected when they realized he was an African-American.



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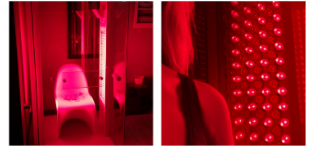
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1827

One of the oldest structures in Tuscaloosa, **The Old Tavern** was built in 1827 on Broad Street (now University Blvd.) in downtown Tuscaloosa. Built as an inn and gathering place, it was ideally situated just down the road from the Capitol building.

1835

The **Battle-Friedman House** was built by prominent merchant Alfred Battle, who later lost it to foreclosure. Jewish industrialist Bernard Friedman purchased the home, and it remained in his family until 1965. This historic house is now a museum and event center.

SNAPSHOTS FROM HISTORY: TOUR FOUR HISTORIC TUSCALOOSA HOMES

1859

The Italianate **Jemison-Van de Graaf Mansion** was once home to Senator Robert Jemison Jr. In addition to housing generations of the Jemison family, the mansion has also been used as a public library and opened as a Tuscaloosa history museum in 1991.

1923

Built by Tuscaloosa's first Black licensed mortician, Will Murphy, the **Murphy-Collins House** is constructed of materials salvaged from the burned remnants of the Capitol building. It is now home to the **Murphy African-American Museum** celebrating local African American culture.

The Battle-Friedman House
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Arts & Entertainment That Excite

Tuscaloosa's burgeoning arts and entertainment scene boasts art galleries, festivals, free concerts, plays and more.

Druid City Arts Festival:

Marvel at the works of contemporary, craft and heritage artists while enjoying live music, local food trucks, hands-on demonstrations for the kiddos and more as Government Plaza transforms into an arts and culture hub. The festival happens in April or May each year.

Kentuck Festival of the Arts:

Billed as one of the "Best of Bama," over 260 visual and spoken-word artists and musicians come together every October to celebrate the arts during this nationally known festival.

Live at the Plaza:

This free summer concert series happens every Friday evening in June and July at Government Plaza and is a great way to make the most of the entertainment district.

Bama Theatre:

A cornerstone of the arts and culture community since it opened in 1938, the historic theater offers an extensive calendar that includes the Bama Art House Film Series, concerts and live performances.

Theatre Tuscaloosa:

Operated in partnership with Shelton State Community College, it's one of the largest community theaters in the state. Performances are held at Bean-Brown Theatre on Shelton's campus.

Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center:

Managed by the Arts Council, the center includes two galleries featuring rotating exhibits and two theaters for live performances.

Druid City Music Hall:

A staple in the Tuscaloosa music scene, the venue boasts a jam-packed calendar of concerts across all genres.

Tuscaloosa Amphitheater:

The 15-acre amphitheater on the banks of the Black Warrior River is the largest outdoor theater in the region. This "Best of Bama" destination is the place to see national touring acts and experience special events like the annual Fourth of July celebration.

Kentuck Art Night:

Located in the heart of historic downtown Northport, Kentuck's Art Night is the first Thursday each month. This free event includes exhibition openings, open artists' studios, live music in the courtyard, pop-up shops from local vendors and more.

First Friday:

On the first Friday of every month, galleries, restaurants and shops in downtown Tuscaloosa host an art walk. View local art, listen to live music and explore the local arts scene.

**SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

Mark your calendar for upcoming events in Tuscaloosa!



What's New!

SoCal Cantina

SoCal Cantina is a restaurant and bar specializing in Cali-Mex. They offer a fresh and unique taste that will appeal to even the most hardcore taco enthusiasts as well as specialty margaritas and cocktails.

Peach Cobbler Factory

Located on The Strip, The Peach Cobbler Factory hosts an extraordinary assortment of desserts, ranging from cobblers to ice cream, cinnamon rolls, banana pudding, and much more.

Moonshot Creamery

Ice cream that's out of this world. Moonshot Creamery boasts rich and creamy ice cream that is sure to put a smile on anyone's face, especially paired with their signature blue waffle cone.

The Standard

Offering a fresh slice of New York-style pizza and specialty drinks on The Strip. One bite and you'll know why this pizza is known as The Standard!

A Southern Bite

A Southern Bite proudly serves home-cooked meals. From soul food to signature sandwiches like the "Shut Yo Mouth" or "Big Jimmy Double-Decker," you'll get an authentic Southern cooking experience!

The Original Hot Dog Factory

The Original Hot Dog Factory offers famous hot dogs such as the Chicago dog, Atlanta dog, NYC dog, and so much more. Wash it down with a milkshake or specialty drink!

The Venue

Say hello to Tuscaloosa's newest hangout. The Venue is a large outdoor/indoor hangout space with multiple restaurants and a bar, often featuring live music too.

Good Dog Tuscaloosa

You've never seen a bar this pet-friendly! Good Dog is a bar and dog park that welcomes everyone to enjoy a refreshment with their best furry friend. Entry is free for everyone.

What's Coming!

PopStroke

PopStroke, a golf and entertainment venue designed by professional golfer Tiger Woods, will soon make its home in Tuscaloosa! It will feature two 18-hole putting courses, a restaurant and bar, and will include outdoor games, an ice cream parlor and a playground.

TARGET OPEN DATE: FALL 2023

The Sanctuary on 25th

A century-old church is getting a music-based makeover and the community couldn't be more excited! The Sanctuary will be renovated and turned into a restaurant and music venue near Downtown.

TARGET OPEN DATE: EARLY 2024



Did You Know? You can walk through Tuscaloosa's Downtown Entertainment District with to-go alcoholic beverages! Everything you need to know, including the boundary map and hours can be found at Tuscaloosa.com/entertainmentdistrict.

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