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THE OFFICIAL 2024 GUIDE TO FLORIDA'S CAPITAL REGION



200 Years of Ambition

Historic Capital City Celebrates Its Bicentennial



A FULL YEAR OF EVENTS

PLAN YOUR GETAWAY

Celebrating 200 Years of Tallahassee

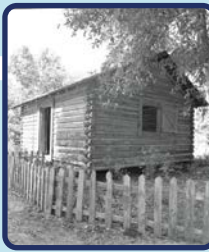
For **thousands of years**, the Apalachee Tribe of Native Americans inhabited the area.

1823

Dr. William Simmons of St. Augustine and John Lee Williams of Pensacola recommend Tallahassee as the site for Florida's territorial capital.

1824

March 4, 1824
Territorial Governor William Duval signs a proclamation designating Tallahassee as the new territorial capital. A log cabin Capitol building is soon constructed.



1974 replica of first log cabin Capitol building.
Florida Memory

1887



Florida Memory

Florida A&M University is founded by Representative Thomas V. Gibbs and Thomas D. Tucker with 15 students and two instructors.



This is the second Lincoln Academy building in 1899. The first building burned down in 1872 and no images survive.
Florida Memory

1869

The Lincoln Academy, the first school for African Americans in Leon County, is opened.

May 20, 1865
The Emancipation Proclamation is read from the steps of the Knott House in downtown Tallahassee, freeing all enslaved people in Florida.



Cadets from the West Florida School of Military Instruction fought at the Battle of Natural Bridge.
Florida Memory circa 1870

1902

Two wings and the dome are added to the Historic Capitol to provide room for the growing state government.



Architect Frank Milburn's original rendering of 1902 Capitol.
Florida Memory

1924

Tallahassee celebrates its Centennial with a weeklong festival and the opening of Centennial Field in downtown.



African American Centennial dance group.
Florida Memory

1929

Dale Mabry Field opens as the city's first airport. It would become an Army air base during World War II.

1976



FSU Special Collections & Archives

Bobby Bowden is hired as FSU's new football coach. He would go on to win two national championships (1993 and 1999).



Whit Chase, direct descendant of Governor William Duval, with Tallahassee Democrat editor Malcom Johnson at the 1974 Sesquicentennial ceremony at Cascades Park.
Courtesy of Sandler Dickson

1974

The Florida Capital Sesquicentennial is commemorated in Tallahassee at Centennial Field and elsewhere.

1971



Florida Memory

James Ford is elected the first African American to the Tallahassee City Commission since Reconstruction and becomes the first elected Black mayor of a United States capital city the next year.

1977

Construction of the new Capitol in Tallahassee is finished and it is agreed that the 1902 Historic Capitol building will become a museum.

1985

Hurricane Kate knocks out power in most of the city and county for two weeks.

1986

The annual Tallahassee Winter Festival begins.

1990

Anita Davis becomes the first African American woman elected to the Leon County Commission.



Florida Memory

1994

FSU's National High Magnetics Field Laboratory (MagLab) opens. It would become the largest and highest-powered magnet lab in the world.



New Capitol being constructed in Tallahassee.
Florida Memory

1827

December 29, 1824 Leon County, carved out of eastern Gadsden County, is established.

The first Leon Academy opens for white students. It would eventually become Leon High School in its present location on East Tennessee Street.



Leon County and neighboring counties shown in 1834 Florida map. Touchton Map Library

1843

Fire consumes most of downtown Tallahassee from the Capitol to the 200-foot-wide buffer of Park Avenue.

1845

March 3, 1845 Florida is admitted to the Union as the 27th state. Florida's territorial period is over.



Florida map just after statehood. Colton's Florida 1853, Florida Memory

1865

March 6, 1865 At Natural Bridge near Woodville, Confederate troops and militia, including cadets from the West Florida Seminary, repel a Union attempt to advance on Tallahassee. It is the last significant Confederate victory of the Civil War.



The vote for secession by Southern states would lead to Civil War. This Kurz & Allison Litho was of Florida's largest battle, the Battle of Olustee in 1864. Florida Memory

1861

Florida votes to secede from the Union, joining other Southern states as the Civil War begins.

1857

The West Florida Seminary opens in Tallahassee. It will eventually become the Florida State College for Women and Florida State University.



This was the initial building for the West Florida Seminary, built in 1857. Florida Memory

1945

Jake Gaither becomes FAMU's football coach. He would go on to win six Black college football national championships. The university's football stadium and gymnasium bear his name.



Jake Gaither at football practice in December of 1953. Florida Memory

1953

Louise Maclay donates Killearn Gardens on the north side of Tallahassee to the state of Florida. It would become Maclay Gardens State Park with the formal dedication by Governor Leroy Collins occurring in 1956.



Governor Leroy Collins with Louise Maclay and her daughter at Maclay Gardens State Park dedication in 1956. Florida Memory

1956

FAMU students Carrie Patterson and Wilhelmina Jakes refuse to give up their seats on a city bus. Their arrests spark a months long Tallahassee bus boycott that ends in a favorable U.S. Supreme Court decision.

1968

Springtime Tallahassee festival begins as a way to keep Tallahassee the state's capital.



Florida Memory

1963

Hundreds of FAMU students are arrested as they protest segregated theaters in Tallahassee.



FAMU students protest arrests at Woolworth's and McCrory's lunch counters on March 12, 1960. Florida Memory

1960

After a series of Civil Rights sit-in and jail-in protests in Tallahassee and elsewhere over "whites only" lunch counters, Governor Leroy Collins changes his stance on segregation, calling it "morally wrong" and "undemocratic."



Reverend C.K. Steele at window, Dec. 24, 1956. Florida Memory

2000

Tallahassee is the center of a contested U.S. presidential election for 36 days.



By Wayne Denmark, Florida Memory

2014

The 24-acre Cascades Park, considered a resurgence of a historic Tallahassee landmark, opens in Downtown Tallahassee.



Cascades Park, Leon County Tourism-Visit Tallahassee

2024

Ambitious from the beginning, Tallahassee-Leon County Celebrates its 200th anniversary.



MORE THAN A MUSEUM... IT'S A JOURNEY



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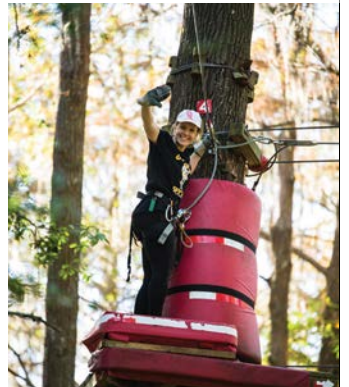
The museum is packed with more than 170 exceptional automobiles dating from 1894-2022, motorcycles, Batmobiles, the finest collection of Steinway pianos in the world (according to Steinway), Case knives, brass cash registers, sports memorabilia, pedal cars, antique boats, motors and much more! In addition to the museum, we are the largest locally owned banquet and conference center in Tallahassee.

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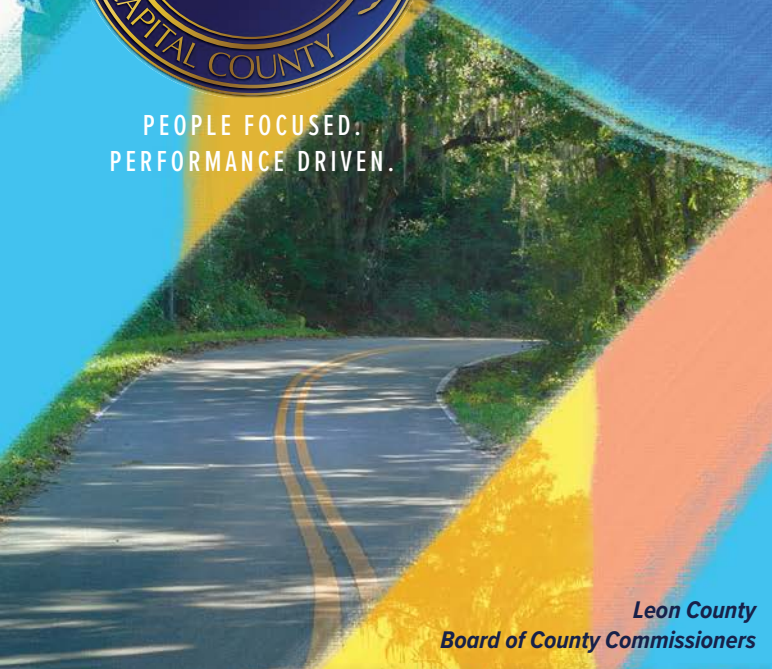
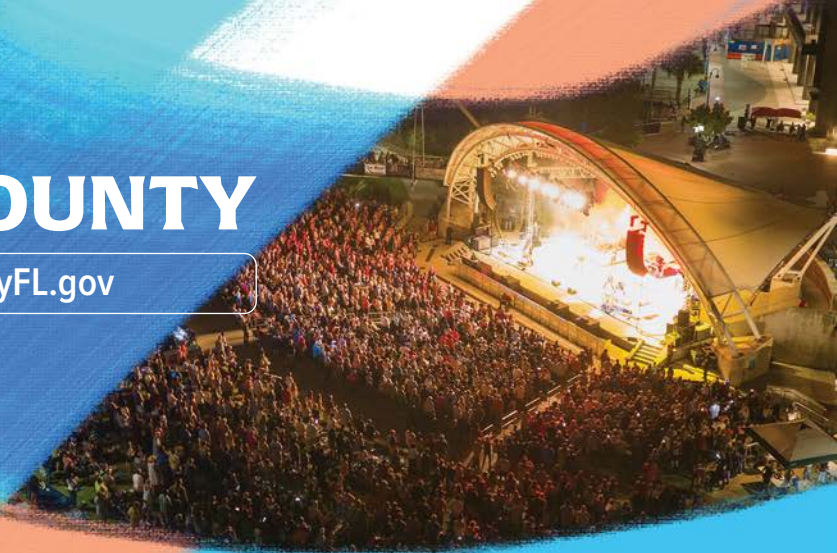




LEON COUNTY

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ON BEHALF OF LEON COUNTY GOVERNMENT, welcome to one of the most beautiful, diverse, historically rich, and naturally breathtaking places anywhere. We at Leon County are committed to creating opportunities for people and businesses to thrive through our continued focus on being a premier destination for outdoor adventure, arts and culture, and sports tourism.

And this success has not happened overnight. It has taken serious investments, not only in our built environment, but in our human capital and societal infrastructure. Through these investments, we have created the world-renowned Apalachee Regional Park, an exceptional place for visitors and cross-country runners alike. In fact, the park will soon host the 2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships, after already hosting 80,000 runners over 105 meets in the past decade. Read through this guide to learn more about how these efforts serve as economic drivers that continue to inspire residents and attract visitors.



VINCENT S. LONG,
County Administrator

Whether you have traveled from near or far, we hope you explore all that Leon County has to offer, including our rich cultural and historical sites, museums, arts, cuisine, and natural beauty. You have chosen an time to visit Florida's Capital Community, and we hope you enjoy your visit and come back soon!

*Leon County
Board of County Commissioners*



VISION

A community that is safe, healthy and vibrant.

MISSION

To efficiently provide public services which serve and strengthen our community.

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Enjoy a calendar full of entertaining events.



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Dazzling galleries and performances that will expand your horizons and spark your imagination.



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Taste the expansive selection of cuisine at restaurants, local eateries and cafés.



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Live music, rooftop bars, craft breweries, nightlife and more.



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Experience historic sites, fascinating museums, gardens and family-friendly attractions.

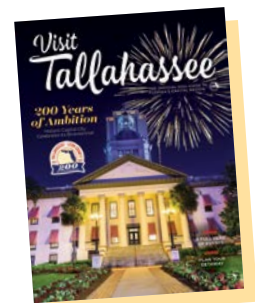


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Happy 200th, Tallahassee! Enjoy the Bicentennial edition of the Visit Tallahassee travel guide and help us celebrate 200 years of ambition!

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EXPLORING THE CAPITAL CASCADES TRAIL

Explore the Blueprint Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3, a 1.6-mile connector from South Monroe Street to Lake Bradford Road, offering a host of amenities including the Skateable Art Park, History and Culture Trail, Coal Chute Pond, FAMU Way Playground, and the St. Marks Trailhead for residents and visitors to enjoy.

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Ambitious from the Beginning

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Tallahassee's Centennial Parade in 1924.

TO UNDERSTAND THE SOUL OF A COMMUNITY, you must first come to know the ambitions of its people. In Tallahassee, those dreams are apparent on every corner. Our friends, family and neighbors aspire to live in a place that is unique, welcoming and impactful. Each day, our residents work to create a special place that's worthy of calling home and visiting. If you are traveling to Tallahassee, those same ambitions may soon become the reasons that make you fall in love with Florida's Capital City.

Tallahassee will always be a place to gather, grow and govern. This year, during our Bicentennial celebration, we invite you to come discover that once more.

WHY TALLAHASSEE?

In 1824, when Florida was a newly claimed United States territory, the seats of power were in the Spanish colonial cities of St. Augustine and Pensacola. The territorial legislature assigned two men to set out and find a desirable location for a new Capital City in the middle. It was the beginning of our ambitious history.

What those pioneers found was a beautiful hill country with flowing streams, sprawling lakes and wide-stretching tree canopies. The Muskogean Native Americans called it Tallahassee, and it has served as a gathering place for centuries.

Today, people visit Tallahassee for many ambitious reasons. Some travelers come here to make a difference or take a stand in the halls of government. There are untold

numbers of students and researchers who come here seeking a better understanding of the world. We greet those who come for business as well as the thousands who arrive to root on their favorite teams. There are also visitors who simply want to enjoy a different version of the Sunshine State.

A SEASON FOR EVERY AMBITION

In the spring, you'll discover the blooming charms of art, music and literature on festival stages across the region. From our 700 miles of trails to our thousands of small businesses, you'll be able to enjoy a season of wonder not found anywhere else in Florida.

Summer yields a quieter side to Tallahassee. With students at home, you'll be able to explore our museums, restaurants and other attractions at a more leisurely pace. From concerts at Cascades Park to farmers markets under the shade of ancient live oaks, you'll find plenty of reasons to extend your stay.

Fall in Tallahassee has a magic unto itself. The roars of our arenas and the fans who fill them can be heard echoing across the community. In this unmatched atmosphere, you'll get carried away with what it means to be in one of America's top university

cities. The cooler temperatures bring crisp mornings and stirring sunsets — both of which are best enjoyed in our internationally acclaimed greenways and parks.

Then, there are our mild and pleasant winters. Outdoor enthusiasts flock here to enjoy the region the Nature Conservancy calls "one of America's last great places." A trail hike or boat ride by morning can turn into a front row seat and world-class cuisine by night. You'll also be invited to enjoy the rising curtains of our opening nights as theaters, lecture halls and performing arts organizations put on a dazzling display of Tallahassee's cultural relevance.

COME CELEBRATE OUR SHARED AMBITIONS

Throughout 2024, our community will be welcoming the world to help us write the next chapter of our story. There's simply never been a better time to experience what makes Tallahassee such a special place. At Visit Tallahassee, our ambition is to show you all the reasons why.



A HISTORY SPANNING TWO CENTURIES

In 2024, we celebrate 200 years of Tallahassee. Scan the QR code to learn about the city's history, from its ambitious beginning to innovations of the present.



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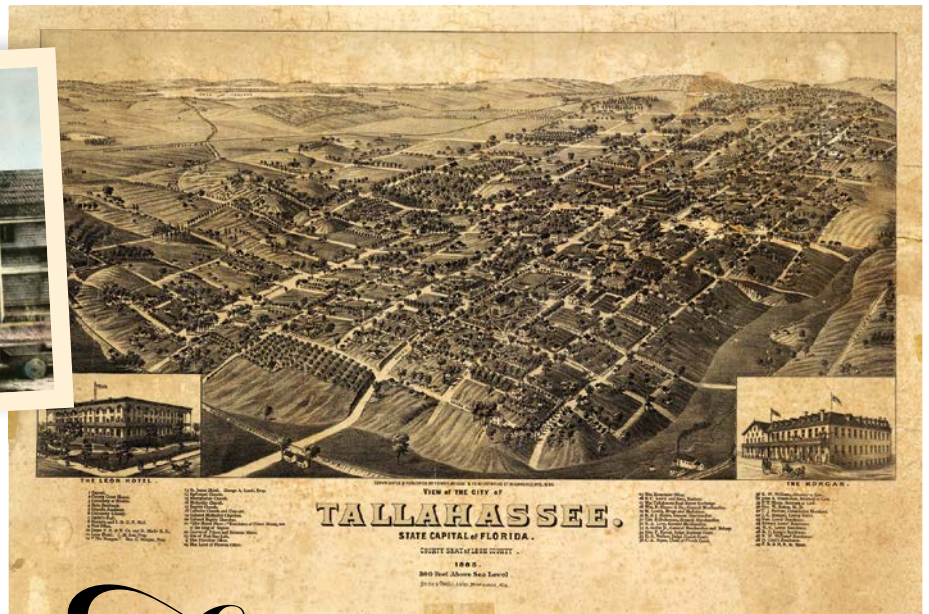


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From Ancient Settlements to Statehood

The Birth of Tallahassee's Rich History

ALMOST 12,000 YEARS AGO, this region welcomed its early settlers. These ancient inhabitants laid the foundation for a rich history, crafting some of the most exquisite Native American pottery and engaging in trade that stretched as far as the Great Lakes.

In the period known as the Fort Walton era, spanning from 1000 A.D to 1575 A.D., the Lake Jackson mounds emerged as a pivotal political and ceremonial center. These mounds served as the heart of a vast village, surrounded by satellite villages and single-family farms. In the later years of this era, the land between the Aucilla and Ochlockonee Rivers teemed with a population of 30,000 people, all under the rule of a chief residing in the village of Anhayca, located about a mile east of the present-day Capitol building in Tallahassee.

The arrival of Europeans in 1528 marked a significant turning point. Spanish explorers, through conflict and disease, inflicted heavy losses on the native Apalachee population. However, by 1607, the Apalachee extended an invitation to the Spaniards to establish missions, some of which found their place here, with San Luis serving as the administrative hub.

The delicate balance was disrupted by British and Creek Indian raids in 1704, compelling both the Apalachee and Spaniards to abandon the area. Subsequently, the Creeks resettled the area, establishing large communities. In 1818, Andrew Jackson's raids forced them out once again.

On July 10, 1821, Florida officially transitioned from Spanish to American rule,

closing centuries of European dominance. This marked the beginning of a new era, with the establishment of territorial and local government functions. The Territorial Council, forerunner to the Florida legislature, held its inaugural meeting in June 1822 in Pensacola.

Recognizing the challenges of travel during that era, the council decided to find a central location for future meetings. In 1823, commissioners Dr. William H. Simmons of Pensacola and John Lee Williams of St. Augustine converged on a site near the abandoned Seminole village of Tallahassa Taloofa, where a small cascade added to the allure.

Governor William Pope DuVal proclaimed Tallahassee as the future meeting place on March 4, 1824. Congress then allocated a square mile of federal land on May 24, 1824, designating it as the new government seat for the Florida Territory. Work quickly began on temporary council quarters and, on Nov. 8, 1824, the council convened in Tallahassee and later that year, Leon County was officially created.

Over the next two decades, Tallahassee experienced rapid growth and transformative events. The St. Marks Railroad was chartered in 1835, followed by the Second Seminole War (1836–1842), a devastating yellow fever epidemic (1841), and the Great Fire (1843) which miraculously spared the Capitol building. Finally, on March 3, 1845, Florida joined the Union as the 27th state, firmly securing Tallahassee's place in American history.

Top left: Lithograph of a residential street scene in Tallahassee, Florida, depicted by the Comte de Castelnau and painted by Paris A. Bertrand in 1842.

Top right: Birds-eye view of Tallahassee, 1885.

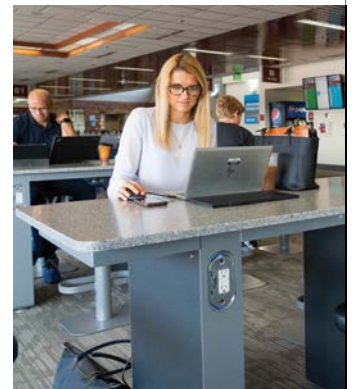


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Southern Living Magazine has named Tallahassee one of the Top 10 Cities in the South.

Four Ways to Visit Tallahassee

THE ADVENTURER

START YOUR DAY

Fuel up for your day at **The Bada Bean** where you can enjoy a hearty homestyle meal before your outdoor adventures begin.



GO FOR A RIDE

Test your skills on the exciting **Cadillac Trail** featuring technical single track, exposed roots and tight turns. Feel the need for speed? Take a few laps on the **Velosolutions® Pump Track** at **Tom Brown Park**.



DAVE BARFIELD

THE HISTORY BUFF

HISTORICAL DOWNTOWN

Originally a livery stable dating back to the 1800s, the **Governor's Inn** is a boutique hotel located in the heart of historic downtown.

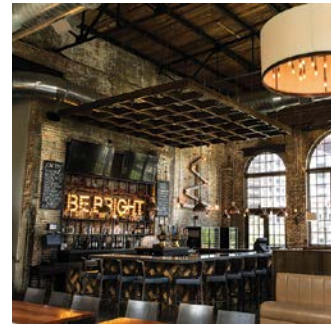


ON A MISSION

Transport back to 1703 with a visit to **Mission San Luis**. A living history site, the Mission served as the principal village of the Apalachee and was the Spaniards' westernmost military, religious and administrative capital.

TALLAHASSEE'S ROOTS

Originally a cotton plantation, **Goodwood Museum & Gardens** offers a rich history of early Tallahassee. The 170-year-old main house now serves as a museum situated on 20 acres with breathtaking centuries-old live oaks and gardens.



THE FREE SPIRIT

STAY

Located in the heart of Tallahassee's College Town District, **Hotel Indigo** is within walking distance to many shops, bars, restaurants and fun activities.

RAILROAD SQUARE

Indulge your bohemian spirit shopping for funky finds at **Railroad Square Art District** featuring over 70 different galleries, studios, vintage shops and cafes.



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RedEye believes coffee should make the world a better place. A cup of fresh-roasted, fair-trade coffee or tea is just the thing to kick your day into high gear.

WITH THE FAMILY



BLAST OFF

Explore outer space at the **Challenger Learning Center** with a space mission simulator, hands-on exhibits, domed planetarium and the area's largest IMAX® movie screen.

ANIMALS & EXCITEMENT

See native Florida animals in their natural habitat at the **Tallahassee Museum** or, for even more excitement, soar over cypress swamps on zip lines reaching 60 feet off the ground.





MAKE A SPLASH

Kayak down the spring-fed **Wakulla River**. With wildlife abounding, keep your eyes peeled for birds, deer and year-round manatees. Kayak rentals available through **TNT Hideaway**.

KICK BACK

After a day on the trails, relax at **Proof Brewing Company** in their expansive beer garden and tasting room.

STAY GREEN

Four Points by Sheraton Downtown Environmentalists applaud this hotel's dedication to sustainable responsibility, including its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification and complimentary electric vehicle charging stations.



Getting Here is Easy

Whether visiting for the first time or making a return trip, Florida's Capital City is a short drive or flight from major destinations throughout the Southeast.

DRIVING HERE

Located just 25 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico and 14 miles south of Georgia, Tallahassee is situated in the Florida Panhandle with convenient access provided by four major highways: I-10, U.S. 27, U.S. 319 and U.S. 90.

TLH AIRPORT

Tallahassee International Airport (TLH) is served by four major airlines — American, Delta, Silver, and JetBlue — providing daily direct flights to Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas/Fort Worth, Miami, Tampa, Fort Lauderdale and Washington D.C.



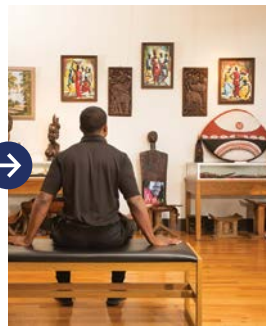
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BRIGHT IDEA

Originally the power plant for Tallahassee, explore regional cuisine at **The Edison**. Paired with gorgeous, original exposed brick walls and the picturesque backdrop of **Cascades Park**, this is one of the most photographed locations in town.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Showcasing one of the most extensive and important exhibitions of African American artifacts, explore the **Meek-Eaton Black Archives** on the campus of **Florida A&M University**. Opened in 1908, the center is one of the largest repositories relating to African American history and culture in the Southeast.



BILLY HOWARD



DAVE BARFIELD

LUNCH BREAK

A casual Izakaya-inspired Japanese pub in the heart of midtown, **Izzy Pub and Sushi** features Japanese and Pan-Asian small plates, sushi and a one-of-a-kind Omakase experience.

DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY

Featuring bright murals, vegan cuisine and quirky cocktails, **The Bark** is a Tallahassee must!

STAY AND PLAY

Located at the entrance of Tallahassee's Art District, the **Hyatt House** is the perfect place to stroll and check out local shops, treats and entertainment.

SWEET TREATS

Watch candy being made by hand using tools from the 1800s at **Lofty Pursuits**. While you're there, learn how to yo-yo or play a board game, then sample an old-fashioned malt at their soda fountain.



FUN FOR ALL AGES

An entertainment mecca with over 40,000 square feet of fun, **District 850** offers bowling, laser tag, arcade games, food, drinks, escape rooms and so much more!

THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS OF TALLAHASSEE



Hotel Indigo



CollegeTown

COLLEGETOWN

Energetic, youthful, hip and exciting — in a word, FUN! College students, alumni and locals come here to stay, eat, drink and shop.

In the center of CollegeTown stands **Hotel Indigo** — a boutique hotel designed to reflect Tallahassee’s fascinating history as a railroad town with rail map motifs throughout the property.

Dining options in CollegeTown range from pub grub to Cajun favorites. **Madison Social** gastropub serves up new-American small plates and sandwiches in a modern loft-style space with an expansive outdoor patio.

Little Masa is a fast-casual restaurant serving Asian-fusion favorites, including wok classics, noodles of Asia and fresh sushi, while **Coosh’s** brings the flavors of Cajun favorites, including crawfish etouffee, jambalaya and red beans and rice.



Madison Social

SOUTHSIDE

Make your way to Tallahassee’s growing Southside District. Anchored by one of the top Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in the country, **Florida A&M University**, students keep this district lively with Rattler athletic events, dynamic performing arts and colorful murals.

For those interested in exploring the outdoors, try a stroll down the **St. Marks Trail**, a 16-mile paved trail connecting Florida’s Capital City with the coastal community of St. Marks. Fuel up for the trail with a visit to **Early’s Kitchen** or **Olean’s Cafe**.

As the sun goes down, check out the live music scene at the **House of Music** or indulge in a craft cocktail at **South Station**.

No trip would be complete without sampling an award-winning craft beer at the area’s largest brewery, **Proof Brewing Company**. Enjoy a rotating tap menu featuring more than 20 different styles.



Proof Brewing Company



St. Marks Trail



Florida A&M University

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MARKET DISTRICT

Located off I-10, Exit 203, The Market District is where you'll find locally owned, curated boutique shops for both men and women and a variety of restaurants and gardens to explore. **Hearth & Soul** features unique finds for the mind, body and home while clothing stores like **Nic's Toggery** have been providing classic styles to Tallahassee men for nearly 75 years.

Dining options abound with cuisine from across the globe. **Little Paris** brings the tastes and setting of a French café while **Jeri's Love on a Plate** serves up farm-to-table, high-quality ingredients sure to fill your belly and heart with love.

One of the area's most beautiful gardens can be found in the Market District — **Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park**. A masterpiece of floral architecture, the park features a picturesque brick walkway, secret garden, reflection pool and a plethora of blooming flowers.

For more to see in Market District, please see page 72.



Jeri's Love on a Plate



Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park



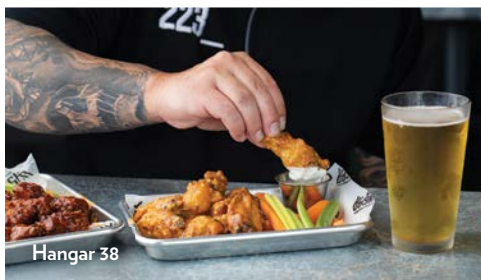
Hearth & Soul



Hangar 38



Blu Halo



Hangar 38

UPTOWN/BANNERMAN CROSSINGS

Located on the northeast side of Tallahassee, Bannerman Crossing features unique shops, spas, elevated dining experiences and family fun! Enjoy live music or a movie with friends on the outdoor pavilion or indulge at one of the many fine-dining options including **Dao**, **Rae's** and **Blu Halo**.

When it's time to play, let the good times roll at **Hangar 38**, offering bowling, an arcade, a full bar and an elevated dining experience.

THE Entertainment Districts OF TALLAHASSEE



Midtown Reader



Table 23



Liberty Bar and Restaurant

MIDTOWN

Midtown is where the heart of the city beats with live music, craft beers and dining options for every palate. Liberty, Ology, Waterworks and Finnegans offer great happy hour spots, where Clusters & Hops, Kool Beanz, Table 23 and Black Radish serve up delicious eats. Late night revelers, dance the night away at Duke's and Dottie's or listen to jazz while sipping wine at Barrel Proof Lounge. Independent bookstore lovers will enjoy Midtown Reader with its extensive mix of titles and in-house cafe, Piebrary.

For more to see in Midtown, please see page 64.

DOWNTOWN

Downtown Tallahassee is where history and politics go hand in hand. Witness government in action alongside museums and important civil rights markers. Hobnob with politicians at the historic Bar 1903 and Poco Vino Wine Bar & Market or indulge in fine dining among influential decision makers at Il Lusso, Savour or The Huntsman.

See where laws are made at the Capitol Complex comprising the Capitol building, House of Representatives, Senate Chambers and the Historic Capitol Museum. And don't miss the panoramic views from the 22nd floor observatory and art gallery.

Take a leisurely stroll through Cascades Park, offering walking paths that weave around fountains, flowers and historic markers and check out the concert schedule for The Adderley Amphitheater. Cap off your evening with a cocktail and some of the best views of Cascades Park from Charlie Park, located on the rooftop of the AC by Marriott.

For more to see in Downtown, please see page 57.



Poco Vino Wine Bar & Market



AC by Marriott



Cascades Park

PHOTOS BY MARK WALLHEISER (MIDTOWN READER) AND DAVE BARFIELD (LIBERTY AND FIRST FRIDAY)



RAILROAD SQUARE ART DISTRICT

A World War II-era industrial warehouse park turned urban core art district, the 10-acre Railroad Square is a haven for Tallahassee creatives with more than 70 shops, galleries and small businesses. Hunt for vintage finds at **The Other Side Vintage** and **Curio Vintage and Uncommon Goods** or shop for mid-century modern furniture and decor at **Rare Bird Interiors**. Spend hours at **Flippin Great Pinball**, featuring over 40 vintage arcade and pinball games.

Deemed one of the most Instagrammable locations in Florida’s Capital Region, don’t miss the iconic “Greetings from Tallahassee” mural, the whimsical “Alice in Wonderland” or one of the many other colorful and surprising art pieces.

Don’t miss the monthly **First Friday Festival**. Rain or shine, this is when the Art District is at its busiest and most vibrant. Enjoy music, food trucks, local artisans, community and more.

Each business has its own opening hours. Check out the business directory at ArtDistrict.com.

For more to see in Railroad Square Art District, please see page 70.



Curio Vintage and Uncommon Goods



First Friday Festival



The Other Side Vintage



DID YOU KNOW?

Frenchtown, the community north of downtown, is one of the oldest African American communities in Florida.

What's Happening

JANUARY



200 YEARS OF TALLAHASSEE – A SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION OF OUR CITY

RUBY DIAMOND CONCERT HALL

TallahasseeSymphony.org

A stunning visual concerto by the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra to celebrate Tallahassee's Bicentennial.

FEBRUARY

TALLAHASSEE MARATHON & HALF MARATHON DOWNTOWN

TallahasseeMarathon.com

The course showcases local landmarks, parks, neighborhoods and business districts. USATF Certified, Boston Marathon qualifier.

AKC NORTH FLORIDA CLASSIC CLUSTER DOG SHOW

NORTH FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS

ORKC.com

Where 2,000 American Kennel Club (AKC) registered purebred dogs, representing more than 200 breeds, compete in the show ring and a half-dozen performance competitions.

HIGHLAND GAMES & SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

APALACHEE REGIONAL PARK

TallyHighlandGames.com

Watch some of the strongest



APRIL SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE FESTIVAL & GRAND PARADE

DOWNTOWN SpringtimeTallahassee.com



Springtime Tallahassee kicks off with a concert by a national recording artist on Friday night and continues Saturday with the Grand Parade — one of the largest and most celebrated parades in the Southeast — the Jubilee in the Park art show, the Children's Park and 5K and 10K run.

athletes compete in sporting events dating back to the 11th century.



HARAMBEE FESTIVAL CASCADES PARK/ THE ADDERLEY AMPHITHEATER

My.FAMU.edu/Event/Harambee

A community-wide cultural celebration in honor of Black History Month with musical and dance performances, cultural art, poetry and inspiring seminars.

URBAN GORILLA BIKE EVENT

DOWNTOWN

Facebook.com/Groups/Tallahassee.MountainBike

The Annual Just Riding Around (JRA) event celebrates Tallahassee's great network of trails and bicycling lifestyle.

MARCH



JUBILEE MUSIC FESTIVAL

CASCADES PARK/ THE ADDERLEY AMPHITHEATER

AdderleyAmphitheater.com

Two-day Gospel festival to celebrate Tallahassee/Leon County's Bicentennial in beautiful Cascades Park.

FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION

LAWSON CENTER AT FAMU

FirstInspires.org

Competitors build and program industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game against like-minded competitors.

BATTLE OF NATURAL BRIDGE REENACTMENT NATURAL BRIDGE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC STATE PARK

FloridaStateParks.org/Park/Natural-Bridge

This two-day event reenacts the second largest Civil War battle in Florida and includes a period encampment and demonstrations.

APRIL

FLYING HIGH CIRCUS – HOME SHOW SERIES FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY BIG TOP

Circus.FSU.edu

One of two collegiate circuses in the nation, the Flying High Circus has been a unique tradition at FSU since 1947.

JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL & PIONEER BREAKFAST TALLAHASSEE MUSEUM

TallahasseeMuseum.org

This two-day jazz, swing and rhythm and blues festival includes performances by established Big Bend artists and rising stars.

APRIL WORD OF SOUTH FESTIVAL

CASCADES PARK/THE ADDERLEY AMPHITHEATER

WordOfSouthFestival.com



This annual three-day festival celebrates literature and music with a variety of musical performances, literary discussions, poetry readings, interviews, book signings and a dedicated children's program. It is a unique blend of renowned and new musicians and writers and an exploration of the relationship between the two disciplines.





**THOMASVILLE
ROSE SHOW
& FESTIVAL**

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
THOMASVILLE, GA

DowntownThomasville.com

Festivities include a juried rose show, flower shows, parades, concerts, a street dance, fireworks, arts-and-crafts vendors and food.

**USTA TALLAHASSEE
TENNIS CHALLENGER**

FOREST MEADOWS
TENNIS COMPLEX

TallahasseeChallenger.com

Top players from around the world compete in this United States Tennis Association/ Association of Tennis Professionals Pro-Circuit Professional Men's tournament.

WORM GRUNTIN' FESTIVAL
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
SOPCHOPPY, FL

WormGruntinFestival.com

This unique festival features worm gruntin' demonstrations, arts-and-crafts vendors and family-friendly live entertainment.

TALLAHASSEE BIKE FEST
APALACHEE REGIONAL PARK

TallyBikeFest.com

This annual family-friendly motorcycle rally is an all-inclusive experience for any motorcycle enthusiast featuring concerts, vendors, poker runs and bike shows.



PRIDEFEST
KLEMAN PLAZA

TallahasseePride.com

Tallahassee PRIDEFEST is an annual celebration providing the LGBTQ and allied community with an opportunity to come together and promote peace and understanding, highlighting the importance of diversity, acceptance and equality.



ONGOING

**DOWNTOWN
MARKETPLACE**
DOWNTOWN

DowntownMarket.com

Open-air market every Saturday from March–November, with local produce, baked goods, flowers, native plants, arts and crafts.

**FIRST FRIDAY AT
RAILROAD SQUARE**

RAILROAD SQUARE
ART DISTRICT

ArtDistrict.com

Spend the "First Friday" of every month browsing art galleries, artists studios and shops with live music and food.

**OPENING NIGHTS
PERFORMANCES AT FSU**
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

OpeningNights.FSU.edu

Presented by Florida State University, these performances are scheduled throughout the year by acclaimed artists, musicians, comedians and authors.

**SUNDOWN
CONCERT SERIES**

CASCADES PARK/
THE ADDERLEY AMPHITHEATER

Facebook.com/TLHDowntown

Free monthly concerts offer family-friendly activities, craft vendors, food and beverages.

**TALLAHASSEE
FARMERS MARKET**

TallahasseeFarmersMarket.com

All vendors at the market provide products that are either locally grown and produced or are regionally sourced, including fresh produce, meats, cheeses and seafood.



APRIL LEMOYNE CHAIN OF PARKS ART FESTIVAL

DOWNTOWN CHAIN OF PARKS ChainOfParks.com

Ranked as the No. 1 art festival in Florida by Sunshine Artist Magazine, and No. 7 nationwide, this event is typically held during the third weekend of April at the Chain of Parks in downtown. Attracting 170 juried artists from around the country, the festival under the oaks includes a 1560s living encampment, "Be the Art" photo opportunities for visitors, an art village for children, live entertainment and food.



**TALLAHASSEE -
LEON COUNTY
BICENTENNIAL
EVENTS**

Scan the QR code to stay tuned on all things Bicentennial and view a listing of festivals and events.

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MAY SOUTHERN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

CASCADES PARK/
CAPITAL CITY AMPHITHEATER

SouthernShakespeareFestival.org



This free, open-air production of Shakespearian works features celebrity performances, medieval-costumed characters, food and beverages.

MAY

SOUL OF SOUTHSIDE

ANITA FAVORS PLAZA

SOSFestTLH.com

The Soul of Southside Arts & Humanities Festival is an intergenerational festival that celebrates the rich, diverse neighborhood history and cultural value that exists in Tallahassee's Southside.

TALLAHASSEE SOCCER CLUB

GENE COX STADIUM

TLHSoccerClub.com

The Tallahassee Soccer Club Battle Lions are a minor league professional men's soccer team with games from May through July.

TOUR OF GARDENS

ALFRED B. MACLAY GARDENS

FriendsOfMaclayGardens.org

The tour begins with breakfast

in the park followed by a self-guided tour of Tallahassee's finest public and private gardens.

JUNE

JEFFERSON COUNTY WATERMELON FESTIVAL

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
MONTICELLO, FL

MonticelloJeffersonFL.com

Festivities include a parade, pageant, watermelon carving and seed spitting contests, craft vendors, a car show, children's theater and a 5K run.

TOMATO FESTIVAL

GOODWOOD MUSEUM & GARDENS

RedHillsFarmAlliance.com

Family-friendly event with local farmers, breweries and, of course, tomatoes!

JULY

INFINITY CON

TUCKER CIVIC CENTER

InfinityConTally.com

This family-friendly comic-book and pop-culture convention features major and independent comic books, video and tabletop gaming and anime, with events and entertainment for all ages, all weekend long.



CELEBRATE AMERICA 4TH OF JULY

TOM BROWN PARK

Talgov.com/Parks/July4.aspx

Celebration includes a full day of live entertainment, food, exhibitors, children's activities and a dramatic fireworks display.

SWAMP STOMP

TALLAHASSEE MUSEUM

TallahasseeMuseum.org

Outdoor music festival featuring Americana and bluegrass performances, games, animal encounters, living history and educational activities.



MAY EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

KNOTT HOUSE MUSEUM MuseumOfFloridaHistory.com

Held on the steps of the Knott House, this event commemorates and reenacts the announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation that took place on May 20, 1865, nearly a full month before the last enslaved people learned about their freedom.



AUGUST

GRAPE HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMU CENTER FOR VITICULTURE AND SMALL FRUIT RESEARCH

[FAMUNews.com/
Grape-Harvest-Festival](http://FAMUNews.com/Grape-Harvest-Festival)

Featured activities include grape stomping contest, grape throwing, grape and wine sampling and a 2K and 5K vineyard run.

TALLAHASSEE BEER FESTIVAL

TUCKER CIVIC CENTER
TLHBeerFest.com

Sample over 200 different beers, ciders, ales, meads and sparkling sodas from more than 75 home brewers and breweries.

OCTOBER

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS MISSION SAN LUIS

MissionSanLuis.org

Annual event recognizing St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Includes free pet blessings by area clergy and living history on the historic site.

ST. MARKS STONE CRAB FESTIVAL

StMarksStoneCrabFest.com

Celebrate the opening of stone crab season.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL

ST. MARKS NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE

Fws.gov/Refuge/St_Marks

View thousands of monarch butterflies as they prepare for their journey across the Gulf of Mexico.



FARM TOUR

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Self-guided tours of area farms, ranches and gardens with family-friendly activities, animal encounters, workshops, food and beverages.

GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HMOG.org/Festival

Enjoy the best Greek food including pastries, gyros, spanakopita and moussaka, ouzo, music and dancing.

NOVEMBER

BRADLEY'S OLD FASHIONED FUN DAY

BRADLEY'S COUNTRY STORE

BradleysCountryStore.com

Fun for the whole family with live music, clogging, sugar cane grinding, syrup making, pony rides and more.

NORTH FLORIDA FAIR

NORTH FLORIDA
FAIRGROUNDS

NorthFloridaFair.com

The region's largest agricultural fair features 4-H and Future Farmers of America competitions and exhibits, a livestock show, arts and crafts, carnival rides, games and food vendors.

PLANTATION WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
THOMASVILLE, GA

PWA.Forg

Artists join sporting and wildlife enthusiasts for this celebration of art and outdoor culture of the Red Hills region.



DECEMBER MARKET DAYS

NORTH FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS TallahasseeMuseum.org/MarketDays

Traditionally held on the first weekend of December, Market Days is one of the Southeast's largest juried arts and crafts shows, featuring handmade creations from more than 275 artisans.

DECEMBER

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN THOMASVILLE, GA

DowntownThomasville.com

Enjoy a Christmas celebration from the 1890s with carriage rides, strolling carolers, a live nativity scene and Santa.

WINTER FESTIVAL & JINGLE BELL RUN

DOWNTOWN

Talgov.com/Parks/Parks-Winter.aspx

A 3K Jingle Bell Run/Walk through downtown, a parade, live entertainment, arts and crafts and tree lighting ceremony.

COUNTDOWN DOWNTOWN NEW YEARS EVE

CASCADES PARK/
THE ADDERLEY AMPHITHEATER

TallahasseeDowntown.com

Family-friendly event including hot chocolate, entertainment and fireworks.



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SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

FOOTBALL WEEKEND BLOCK PARTIES

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS VisitTallahassee.com/Events

The excitement of college football in Tallahassee isn't limited only to gamedays. Kickoff your football weekend on Friday nights before home football weekends for FSU and FAMU that bring the city to life. College Town Block Party, Frenchtown Rising and Northtown Getdown bring together alumni, fans, friends and families with live music, fun, food and festivities.

Art Lives Here

THE ARTS live here. That's more than a passing promise, but rather a statement about the vibrancy, creativity and innovation of Tallahassee and the artisans that enrich its lifestyle. Arts, culture and heritage define the community, from galleries and historic sites to classical or quirky performances, music festivals, live entertainment or the bold and sometimes subtle artistic accents found everywhere. Enrich yourself, embrace and enjoy it. Tallahassee arts is a celebration for all ages, all year.



Good Vibes Only Mural



Meek-Eaton Black Archives



Tallahassee Ballet



COUNCIL ON CULTURE & ARTS (COCA)
914 Railroad Ave., (850) 224-2500, TallahasseeArts.org

The Council on Culture & Arts is the local arts agency for Tallahassee and Leon County. Visit COCA's website to see a comprehensive calendar of local arts and cultural events, including a complete listing and map of outdoor public art to explore.



FSU School of Theatre

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SEE LEGENDS YOU LOVE. DISCOVER NEW FAVORITES.

Opening Nights

Opening Nights at Florida State University has distinguished itself as one of the premier performing arts programs in the country. For more than two decades, world-renowned artists such as Smokey Robinson, Yo-Yo Ma, David Sedaris, Kristin Chenoweth, and The Boston Pops on Tour have graced its stages.

Opening Nights attracts not only living artistic treasures but also the legends of tomorrow. Every season the program offers a broad mix of established artists and emerging performers in a variety of genres including music, dance, theatre, comedy and visual arts.

Performances are held both on Florida State's campus and in venues around town. With a variety of performances, Opening Nights truly has something for everyone. It's our hope that you'll find something that piques your interests. Discover what the arts can inspire from right here in Tallahassee!

To see who's ON stage next and to get your tickets visit OpeningNights.FSU.edu

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

ONLINE

VISIT: OPENINGNIGHTS.FSU.EDU

PHONE

(850) 644-7670 Credit Cards Only

IN PERSON

Visit the ticket office inside 200 W. College Ave., Tallahassee, Monday through Friday, 10 am-4 pm. Credit cards and checks accepted.

ADVERTISEMENT

Outdoors

Rolling hills, lush greenery, spring-fed rivers and year-round mild temperatures make outdoor recreation one of the area's most sought after experiences and sets us apart from anywhere else in Florida.

Whether it's a run along a wooded path, navigating a challenging mountain bike course or a trail ride on horseback, see for yourself why the Florida Department of Environmental Protection recognized us in 2023 as a Florida Trail Town. Step outside and enjoy one of Tallahassee's finest and most distinguishing assets.

- » **An extensive trail system** spans more than 700 miles and features some of the top-ranked technical mountain biking and trail running spots in Florida.
- » **Lakes and spring-fed rivers** thrill kayak enthusiasts with birds, wildlife and manatee sightings.
- » The region is home to some of the nation's last remnants of **the great longleaf pine forests** and one of the nation's largest populations of red-cockaded woodpeckers.
- » **On two migratory flyways,** Tallahassee is one of the top birding locations in the country.
- » Nine designated roads provide **78 miles of canopy roads,** perfect for a scenic drive and favorites among cyclists, especially Centerville Road.

TRAILHASSEE

TRAILHASSEE.COM is your personal guide to our trail system with detailed information about the 700-plus miles of fun-filled trails in and around Tallahassee.

✓ Activities | ✓ Locations | ✓ Descriptions | ✓ Photos





Lafayette Heritage Trail

DAVE BARFIELD



Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park

THOMAS M. SCOTT



MOUNTAIN BIKING

NOT ALL OF FLORIDA IS FLAT!

Mountain biking in Tallahassee? You bet your hardtail. From rugged and rooty to smooth and scenic, hundreds of miles of trails are just waiting to be bombed, roasted and shredded. Afterward, cool down and rest up for round two at our many biker-friendly spots all over town.

If ripping through single-track dips and dives sounds like your kind of rush, Florida's Capital City delivers. **Tom Brown Park** boasts miles and miles of incredible bike routes, including two famous flow trails, Kudzilla and the Gun Range. While you're exploring Tom Brown, take a few laps on the park's exhilarating Velosolutions® Pump Track that's guaranteed to get your heart racing.



MBTALLAHASSEE.COM

Whether you're a novice or a more experienced rider wanting something a little bumpier and faster, you're in luck! Find single tracks, loops, multiuse trails and even gnarly technical trail features like switchbacks, log rides, step-ups, roller coasters, wall rides and more across our entire trail system at MBTallahassee.com.



TAP INTO LOCAL EXPERTS AT LOCAL SHOPS

- » Epic Bikes
- » Great Bicycle Shop
- » Joe's Bike Shop
- » Trek Bicycle Tallahassee

DID YOU KNOW?

The greater Tallahassee-Leon County area, known as the "Red Hills," derives its name from the iron-rich soil and the presence of numerous hills. This is contrary to the common perception of Florida as a flat landscape.





Wakulla River



Wacissa River



PADDLING ↑

Wacissa River



Lake Bradford

**TOP 3
PLACES TO
PADDLE**

TAKE TO THE WATER WITH HARRY SMITH OUTDOORS

BY **HARRY SMITH**, OUTFITTER, GUIDE, OWNER OF HARRY SMITH OUTDOORS

Having grown up in Tallahassee with the outdoors as my playground, exploring the area's 700-plus miles of trails, hiking, biking, fishing and kayaking became my way of life. The area's freshwater, spring-fed rivers — the Wakulla, Wacissa and St. Marks — are easy to explore and offer some of the most diverse wildlife viewing in Florida.

Paddling trails also lead to secluded hiking trails offering otherworldly scenes of nature, like the quiet and serene Cathedral of Palms or the Leon Sinks trail in the Apalachicola National Forest, with fairytale-like views providing a glimpse into "Old Florida."

Those looking for a more social paddling experience enjoy Lake Bradford where on the most southern portion of the lake lies the Florida State Reservation, or the "rez". It's a popular spot to rent kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and even sailboats to explore the wonders of Lake Bradford. Lake Piney Z takes front and center stage to Lafayette Heritage Trail Park on Tallahassee's east side where visitors can enjoy many outdoor activities, like biking, fishing, running, walking, kayaking and canoeing, without ever leaving the city.

Harry is a Tallahassee native who grew up on the banks of Lake Talquin fishing, boating, hiking and camping. Those pastimes ignited a passion that carries on today. Now as an outfitter, guide and owner of Harry Smith Outdoors, he takes great joy in showing people the beauty that Tallahassee and the surrounding area have to offer.

- » **RIVER:** The Wacissa, because all parts of it are outstanding. The upper headwaters section is easy to reach, beautiful, and full of wildlife.
- » **SPRING:** Garner Springs off the Wacissa River. It is reached by a narrow spring that runs about a third-of-a-mile long, where visitors often see wildlife — otters, baby alligators, barred owls, etc.
- » **LAKE:** Put in your canoe or kayak at Jack Vause Landing to explore the roughly 10,000-acre Lake Talquin.



BIRDING

BY **LIZ SCHOLD**, GREAT FLORIDA BIRDING AND WILDLIFE TRAIL COORDINATOR, PUBLIC ACCESS SERVICES OFFICE, FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tallahassee lies in one of the most biologically diverse regions of the United States, making it a perfect destination to see incredible birds and wildlife. Whether you prefer a leisurely hike in a local park or an off-the-beaten-path adventure, there is abundant wildlife to see almost everywhere you look.

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge is a must-visit for anyone who is birding in the Panhandle. A leisurely drive to the coast along Lighthouse Road will yield sightings of bald eagles, wading birds and flocks of winter ducks. The refuge has also seen many unexpected species over the years, with recent visitors including a vermilion flycatcher and an American flamingo! Visitors to Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park can take a guided boat tour to see black-crowned night herons, flocks of white

ibis and even manatees in the cooler winter months. A drive along quiet wildflower-lined roads will take you to **Apalachicola National Forest**, one of the best places in the country to see the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker among the longleaf pines.

You don't have to travel far to see incredible wild sights — within county limits, you can visit **Elinor Klapp-Phipps Park**, **Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park** and **Lafayette Heritage Trail Park**. Explore miles of well-maintained trails as you look for migrating birds in spring and fall. Be sure not to overlook **Lake Elberta Park**; this small park just minutes from downtown boasts a bird list of nearly 200 species. For an in-town adventure that's off the beaten path, explore **L. Kirk Edwards Wildlife and Environmental Area**, where you can see Bachman's sparrows, wood storks and gopher tortoises.

Grab your binoculars and camera, put on your hiking boots and hit the trail — in Tallahassee, every day is a great day to go birding!



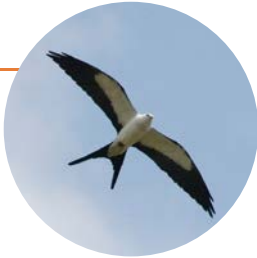
Perched on two migratory flyways, Tallahassee is a birding paradise that is home to over 300 species of birds ranging from red-cockaded woodpeckers to the rare American flamingo! With 20 spots throughout the region on the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, an abundance of wildlife awaits.

SPOT THESE LIFE LIST BIRDS

*Recommendations from Liz

Swallow-Tailed Kite

Swallow-tailed kites are undoubtedly one of the most beautiful birds in Florida, with their distinctive silhouette and graceful flight.



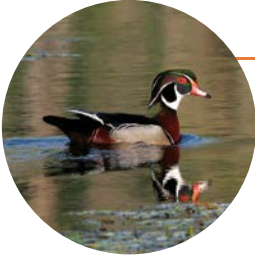
Purple Gallinule

The rich purple and green plumage of this marsh bird contrasts with their startlingly bright yellow legs and red and yellow bill.



Roseate Spoonbill

With their vibrant pink plumage and namesake spoon-like bills, these distinctive birds are always fun to see.



Wood Duck

With their colorful plumage and distinctive crest, wood ducks are one of the most beautiful species of waterfowl around.



Great Egret

The showy feathers of the great egret in its breeding plumage are undoubtedly gorgeous. Once hunted nearly to extinction for their plumes, these birds are once again a common sight.



Flamingo

Spot Tallahassee's favorite flamingo, Pinky, at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. A refugee from Hurricane Michael, Pinky has called the Wildlife Refuge home since 2018.

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RESOURCES

- » **APALACHEE AUDUBON CHAPTER**
North Florida Chapter of the National Audubon Society
Apalachee.org/AAS
- » **GREAT FLORIDA BIRDING AND WILDLIFE TRAIL**
Information by region
FloridaBirdingTrail.com

PHOTOS BY DAVID MOYNAHAN (BIRDERS) AND COURTESY OF HARRY SMITH OUTDOORS (KAYAKING PHOTOS)



GAME ON!

THE CROSS-COUNTRY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD!

Over a decade ago, Apalachee Regional Park began its journey to become a premier year-round cross-country facility built by runners, for runners. From humble beginnings with trails carved through dense foliage, it has evolved into the nation's top cross-country destination. Extensive technological upgrades, including fiber-optic cable throughout the course, enable thrilling live streaming of races for on-site and remote audiences.

The park features a meticulously crafted cross-country course, complete with a permanent operations building, award stage, finish line, parking for over 4,000 vehicles, a 1-mile warm-up loop, and 120 acres of dedicated spectator space. This exceptional venue has earned the honor of hosting the prestigious World Athletics Cross-Country Championships in 2026, making history as Tallahassee's first-ever world championship sporting event.

Whether you're a runner, coach, spectator or nature enthusiast, this unparalleled cross-country haven invites you to unleash your spirit of adventure and experience Tallahassee's world-class park!



FALL IN TALLAHASSEE CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING – FOOTBALL!

Home to both Florida State University Seminoles and the Florida A&M University Rattlers, Tallahassee is a true paradise for football enthusiasts. Saturdays here are all about friends, food and cherished traditions. Don't miss the iconic FSU pregame ritual of Osceola and Renegade at Doak Campbell Stadium or the electrifying Marching 100 halftime show at Bragg Stadium. Whether you're a die-hard Seminole or Rattler fan or simply here to soak up the electric atmosphere, Tallahassee guarantees an unforgettable college experience.



GOLF IN TALLAHASSEE!

Whether seasoned or new to the game, golf enthusiasts will find an array of courses in Florida's Capital City. From the historic Capital City Country Club and the scenic Southwood Golf Club to the 9-hole Jake Gaither Course and public Hilaman Golf Course, there is a perfect course for everyone.

For those looking for a variation on traditional golf, experience the No. 1 ranked Disc Golf Course in Florida at Tom Brown Park! The 24-hole course offers a challenging layout, picturesque fairways and natural obstacles for an unparalleled experience for all ages and skill sets.



BLACK AND HUE PHOTOGRAPHY



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A Taste of Tallahassee

Blending traditional Southern cuisine and modern dining with fresh, farm-to-table fare and craft breweries, Tallahassee is a true epicurean experience. With flavors as unique as the chefs who create them, satisfy your palate at any of our mouth-watering restaurants or bars.

For a robust sampling of Capital City cuisine, we invite you to feast on some of Tallahassee's most delicious dining from dawn to dark.

QUINTESSENTIAL TALLAHASSEE

For 40 years, Hopkins' Eatery has been delighting Tallahassee with a diverse array of delicious hot and cold sandwiches, soups, salads and sweets. A local favorite, don't miss the Ultimate Turkey, Linda Special or Chicken Tetrizzini Salad. And save room for a slice of their homemade cake or one of their delicious Heath Bars.

Other Tallahassee Staples: *Bella Bella Italian, Georgio's, Kool Beanz Café*

BRADLEY'S COUNTRY STORE

Located 12 miles from downtown beneath a majestic canopy of oak trees and Spanish moss is Bradley's Country Store. A modest building, Bradley's stands today just as it did in 1927. Their trade, plain and simple, is making the best old-fashioned country-smoked fresh sausage, stone-ground grits and preserves that money can buy.



SWEET TREATS

Lofty Pursuits started out as a toy store in 1993 and has since become a full-service, old-fashioned ice cream shop offering a soda fountain, a Victorian candy-making kitchen and a brunch room. During the holiday season, don't miss their time-honored tradition of handmade candy canes.

Other Spots That Satisfy a Sweet Tooth: *Big Easy Snowballs, Tasty Pastry Bakery, The Cake Shop, Au Pêche Mignon, Southwood Sweets*

PLANTIFUL EATS

Black Radish is a vegetable-focused restaurant known for its hyper-seasonal, shareable vegetable dishes, expertly crafted handmade pastas and thoughtfully curated selection of natural wines. Embracing a mostly vegetarian and vegan menu, the establishment also offers a selection of large-format meat dishes, inviting guests to savor communal dining experiences with loved ones.

Other Vegetarian Fare: *The Social Vegan, The Bark, Sweet Pea Café*





Il Lusso



FINE DINING

Effortlessly chic and refined, Il Lusso overlooks the Chain of Parks in downtown Tallahassee and specializes in handcrafted pasta, exceptional prime steaks and scratch-made desserts.

Other Luxurious Dining: Savour, Mimi's Table, Lucilla, Food Glorious Food, The Huntsman, Clusters & Hops



SAIGE ROBERTS

Backwoods Crossing



FARM TO TABLE

Backwoods Crossing takes farm-to-table to the next level by sourcing local fruits, veggies, meats, seafood and wine from local producers and growing their own! What began as a few raised beds in the front lawn to supply the restaurant with fresh herbs has morphed into a full-fledged 3.5-acre farmette supplying a cornucopia of fresh produce all year round.

GET FUNKY

Serving the freshest Gulf oysters, fish and burgers, Bird's Aphrodisiac Oyster Shack is a local joint that is not to be missed. Enjoy nightly entertainment and order oysters to your liking — on the half shell, steamed or baked with toppings of your choice.

Other Off-The-Beaten-Path Favorites: Shell Oyster Bar, VeneBites, Kool Beanz Cafe

COLLEGE EATS

From the award winning BLT Dip to Hot Totty and the Madison Mule, Madison Social's menus feature unique twists on classic pub fare. Located in the heart of CollegeTown, this spot is a must for students, alumni, and anyone that loves great food and good times.

Other Student Favorites: Little Masa, Gordo's, Olean's Cafe, Momo's Pizza



Madison Social



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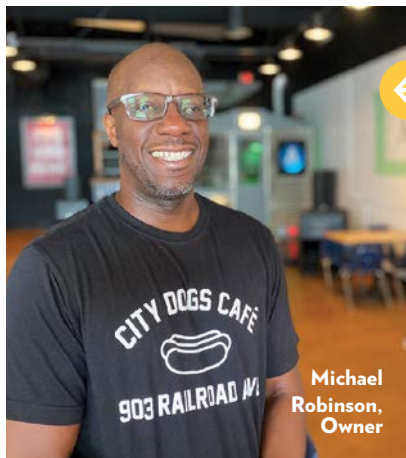
Tallahassee Foodies is the essential source for the inside scoop on local restaurants, food trucks, bars, and breweries. This dedicated group of food lovers is an outstanding resource to help you decide where to dine on your next trip to the Capital City.

Black-Owned Restaurants

Black-owned restaurants are an essential part of Tallahassee cuisine and culture. Whether you're craving Southern-style cooking, fresh seafood or something sweet, Tallahassee has a wide selection of restaurants to satisfy your appetite. And there is no better way to support the local economy than to fill your belly and your soul while doing it.

BARB'S GOURMET BRITTLES

Discover the sweetest indulgence at Barb's Gourmet Brittles, a beloved Tallahassee institution for over 20 years. Delight in their delectable brittles, mouthwatering ice cream and an array of goodies and gifts.



Michael Robinson, Owner

CITY DOGS CAFÉ

City Dogs Café, located at 903 Railroad Ave., offers hot dogs signature to several major cities. Each dog is loaded with exciting toppings and served alongside chips, ice cream, beer and wine. City Dogs Café is also the home of All Saints Art Station (AS2), an entertainment venue dedicated to local artists and musicians.

EARLEY'S KITCHEN

Located on South Monroe, Early's Kitchen has been dishing up good ol' Southern country cooking for breakfast and lunch for over 30 years.



Earley's Kitchen



DAVE BARFIELD

Chef Sam Burgess, Owner

PINEAPPÉTIT

Serving over 20 pineapple-bowl combinations using a variation of chicken, shrimp, black beans, salmon, steak and lobster tail as well as other island-inspired dishes, Pineappétit is a tropical eatery not to be missed.



JoEllen's

JOELLEN'S

JoEllen's brings a menu full of Southern classics and comfort foods like fried chicken and pork chops along with shareable plates and vegan dishes to downtown in Kleman Plaza.



Olean's Cafe

OLEAN'S CAFE

For over 20 years, Olean's Cafe has proudly served Southern cooking from the soul. Located directly across from FAMU's campus, Olean's Cafe has been a staple for Rattlers and Southern food lovers alike, including then-Vice President Joe Biden while out on the campaign trail. If you're looking for soul food with heart, Olean's is the place to go!



For a listing of more Black-owned restaurants, scan the QR code.



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Appetizer



YOUR SOCIAL, INC.

Bubble Potato @ Black Radish
You won't want to share. And that's okay.

FOOD

INDULGENT

There's no shortage of decadent delights in Tallahassee. Sink your teeth into some of these tasty treats!

Tacos



Birria Tacos @ Tacos La Tiendita
¡Los tacos de birria son muy buenos!

Meat Lovers



Dry-Aged Duck Breast @ The Huntsman
Savor exotic meats and well-crafted cocktails!

Baked Goods



Cupcakes @ Decadent Delights
Fluffy cupcakes topped with frosting, sprinkles and more.

Brittle



Chocolate Almond Brittle @ Barb's Brittle
Crunchy, sweet perfection! Serving divine goodness for over 20 years.

Pizza



Pizza @ Momo's
No really, it's a slice as big as your head.

Cheesy



Truffle Mac-N-Cheese aka "Crack-In-A-Crock" @ Clusters & Hops
Luxurious baked pasta with a rich creamy sauce that is to die for!

WARS

LIGHTER FARE

Farm-to-table and artisanal creations are just the beginning. There's never a shortage of fresh and healthy handcrafted cuisine.

Tropical



DAVE BARFIELD

Shrimp Bowl @ Pineappétit

Tropical-inspired dishes bring a feeling of paradise.

Sushi



DAVE BARFIELD

Trust Me Roll @ Izzy's

Trust us! Perfectly crafted, fresh and delicious.

Vegan



Bánh Mi @ The Bark

Arguably one of Tallahassee's best sandwiches, and it's vegan!

Acai Bowl



Acai Bowl @ The Good Berry

Get berry excited — it's happiness in a bowl!

Bowls



The Medi Bowl @ Lemon & Thyme

Mediterranean-inspired bowl with grains, spinach, falafel crumbles and more.

Fresh



Garden Creation Menu @ Backwoods Crossing

Experience the freshest of flavor that rotates seasonally with ingredients grown on-site!

Sweet Treats



Fruit Tarts @ Sweet Pea Cafe

Sweet and flaky vegan treats baked fresh daily.



After Hours

Best Spots to Hit Up the Local Music Scene

- » THE ADDERLEY AMPHITHEATER
- » THE GETAWAY GRILLE AND BAR
- » HOUSE OF MUSIC
- » FIRE BETTY'S
- » BLUE TAVERN
- » DUKE'S AND DOTTIE'S

Best College Experience

- » TOWNSHIP
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- » RECESS
- » PALACE SALOON
- » BULLWINKLE'S

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- » SOUTH STATION
- » CHARLIE PARK
- » BLACK RADISH

Best "Barcade"

- » HANGAR 38
- » DISTRICT 850

Best Spot for Craft Cocktails

- » BAR 1903
- » SAGE
- » THE LOUNGE AT MARKET SQUARE
- » BLU HALO
- » LIBERTY

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AT THESE RADIANT ROOFTOP HOT SPOTS

Enjoy artful aperitifs, cool cocktails and sassy sips complemented with haute hors d'oeuvres. Whether you're looking for an after dinner drink with your date or a late night libation with friends, these elevated locations offer exceptional views high above the canopied oaks.

CHARLIE PARK

Refined and comfortable, Charlie Park features several indoor lounge areas as well as a stunning terrace with dramatic views of Cascades Park. Grab one of their sophisticated cocktails, a glass of their expertly curated wines and spirits and a shareable from their small-plates menu. Perched atop the AC Hotel Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, this hot spot needs to be on your next trip to Tallahassee.

LEVEL 8 LOUNGE

Hotel Duval is home to Level 8, a sophisticated rooftop lounge featuring panoramic views of downtown along with shareable tapas and live music several nights a week.

EVE ON ADAMS

In the heart of downtown Tallahassee, this 17th-floor rooftop lounge above the DoubleTree by Hilton is the highest spot to enjoy the view, day or night. Savor exquisite cocktails and live music as you take in expansive views of the capital region in every direction.

PHOTOS BY YOUR SOCIAL, INC. (DUKE'S AND DOTTIE'S, BAR 1903 AND OLOGY)



Charlie Park



Duke's and Dottie's



For the ultimate country bar experience, look no further than **Duke's and Dottie's**. Embrace the Southern spirit as you two-step to weekly line dancing or saddle up for a wild ride on the mechanical bull. Get ready to let loose, enjoy live music and experience a true taste of the South!



OLOGY

Bicentennial Cocktail

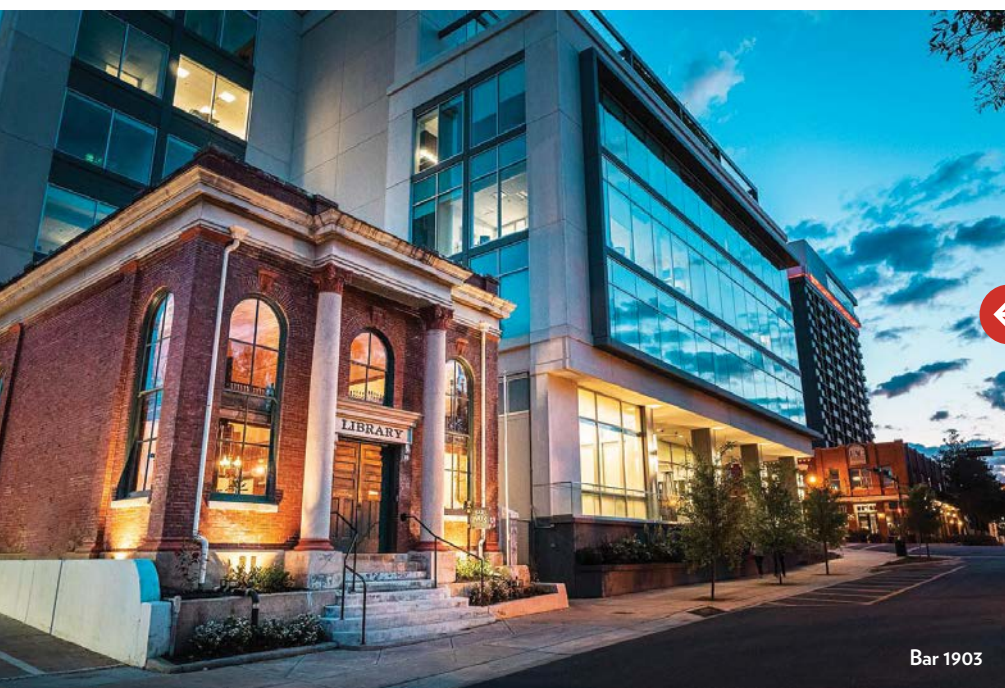
There is no better way to celebrate 200 years of Tallahassee than with the Bicentennial Cocktail at Ology. Created specifically for this landmark anniversary and available at all Ology locations, this cocktail is made with Ology's Royal Lavender Gin which has a light floral presence from lavender, lilac and pea flower blossoms accented by lively lemon notes.

Ingredients:

- » 1½ ounces Ology Royal Lavender Gin
- » ¾ ounce lemon juice
- » ½ ounce simple syrup
- » Splash of champagne or sparkling wine

Instructions:

Shake and strain into coupe, top with sparkling wine, garnish with lemon twist and lavender flowers.



Bar 1903



BAR 1903

WHERE HISTORY MEETS HANDCRAFTED COCKTAILS

Nestled within the historic downtown Walker Library, **Bar 1903** honors the history of mixology while pushing the boundaries of the cocktail experience. Explore a cocktail menu spanning 160 years, an extensive spirits list and small plates. Plan to arrive early, as the historic location only allows for 36 seats that are first come, first served.

GREAT THINGS ARE *Brewing* IN TALLAHASSEE



From imperial stouts to fruit-infused sours,

Tallahassee's craft breweries pour ample servings of creativity and quality, and boldly introduce themselves with award-winning style. These taprooms welcome visitors and locals to gather, have a drink and make new friends!

ICON KEY



Tasting Room



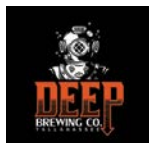
Beer Garden



Food



Pet Friendly



DEEP BREWING
DeepBrewing.com



MUST TRY:
SPEAR PRESSURE
Golden Ale, 4.5% ABV



FOOLS FIRE BREWING COMPANY
FoolsFire.com



MUST TRY:
HOT PURPLE MAGIC
Fruited Berliner Weisse, 4.5% ABV



LAKE TRIBE BREWING
LakeTribeBrewing.com



MUST TRY:
BECKSTER'S SATSUMA WHEAT
American Wheat Ale, 5.5% ABV

LIVELY BEER GARDENS

FERMENTATION LOUNGE & FOOL'S FIRE BREWING CO.

FoolsFire.com

Fool's Fire was founded inside the ever-hip Fermentation Lounge. This popular tasting room and nano-brewery brews unique craft beers and serves an eclectic mix of meads and wine.

GROWLER COUNTRY

GrowlerCountry.com

Florida's first dedicated growler filling station and rated the Best Beer Bar in Florida in 2018 by CraftBeer.com.

BRASS TAP

BrassTapBeerBar.com

The Brass Tap offers more than 150 craft beers from around the globe in a neighborhood atmosphere that feels both relaxed and upscale.

TOWNSHIP

TownshipTLH.com

An open beer hall with over 70 beers and urban street fare, Township is a contemporary take on a traditional beer garden.



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Three locations: Midtown, Northside (Q) and Powermill

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SENSORY OVERLOAD
Hazy Citra IPA, 6.5% ABV



OYSTER CITY BREWING CO.
OysterCityBeer.com



MUST TRY:
MANGROVE
Pale Ale with Mango, 8.2% ABV



PROOF BREWING CO.
ProofBrewingCo.com



Must Try:
EIGHTFIVE-O
American Pale Ale, 6.5% ABV



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MUST TRY:
CASCADES PALE ALE
American Pale Ale, 5.5% ABV



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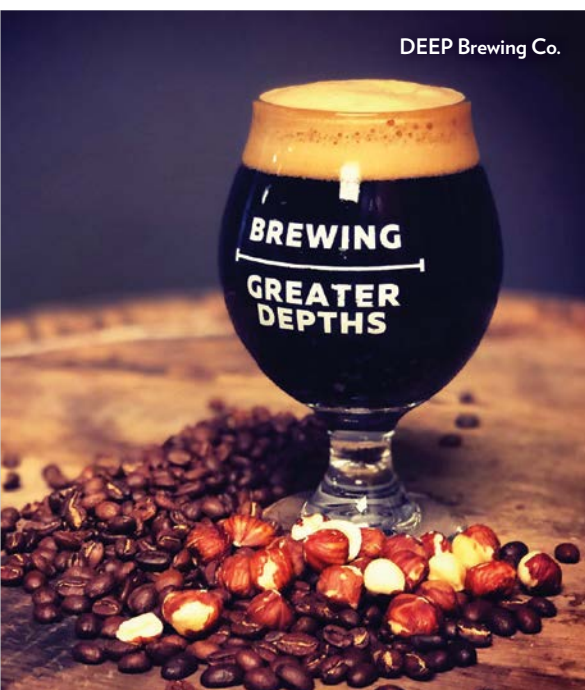
Home of the new Amicus Brewing Ventures, the Old City Waterworks building was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1979. The building was first erected in 1890 and is now seeing it's first renovations since the early 1900s.



Oyster City Brewing Co.



Proof Brewing Co.



DEEP Brewing Co.

SPIRITS OF TALLAHASSEE

Who doesn't love a good craft cocktail? Tallahassee's bar scene is full of mixologists pushing the boundaries of creativity.



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Bar 1903: Out of the Weeds Punch
 Fabriquero Sotol, rum, Kronan, Braulio, lime juice, turbinado sugar, toasted almond bark tea, coconut milk



THE WORKMANS

Blue Halo: Moscow Mule
 Vodka, lime, ginger beer, sweet blueberries



THE WORKMANS

Level 8: Sunset Martini
 Rum, peach schnapps, pineapple juice, grenadine



THE WORKMANS

Savour: Shazam
 Citrus vodka, blueberry-lavender shrub, simple syrup, lillet, soda, lemon



Ology Distilling

Tallahassee's first and only small-batch craft distillery. From their captivating Golden Rum, aged to perfection in diverse oak casks, to their meticulously fermented single malt whisky, kissed by Florida's tropical climate, each pour tells a tale of artistry. Explore handcrafted gins, velvety vodka and a world of imaginative liqueurs and cocktails at one of their three tasting rooms in Tallahassee.



Attractions



Fill your days exploring over 700 miles of trails, enjoying one of our family-friendly attractions, taking a guided tour through our historic sites or taking pictures of colorful murals.

Outdoors/ Parks

ALFRED B. MACLAY GARDENS STATE PARK

FloridaStateParks.org/Park/Maclay-Gardens

One of the area's most photographed sites highlighting flowers, a secret garden, reflection pool, nature trails and boating on Lake Hall.

BALD POINT STATE PARK

FloridaStateParks.org/Park/Bald-Point

Located on Alligator Point, the park offers land and water activities including sunbathing, fishing, swimming, paddling, windsurfing and a picnic area.

CASCADES PARK/THE ADDERLEY AMPHITHEATER

TheAdderleyAmphitheater.com

This 24-acre downtown park includes Florida's Prime Meridian marker, Capital City "Adderley" Amphitheater, multiuse trails, an interactive water fountain,

Discovery playscape, numerous historical markers and memorials.

DOROTHY B. OVEN PARK

TalGov.com/Parks/Centers-Oven.aspx

Park featuring lush gardens with azaleas, camellias, palms and other local flowers.

ECONFINA RIVER STATE PARK

FloridaStateParks.org/Park/Econfina-River

Park offering miles of wooded trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding and paddling.

EDWARD BALL WAKULLA SPRINGS STATE PARK

FloridaStateParks.org/Park/Wakulla-Springs

Wakulla Springs is one of the largest and deepest freshwater springs in the world. Daily guided boat tours offer wildlife viewing, including alligators, turtles, manatees, deer and bird species.

GULF SPECIMEN AQUARIUM

GulfSpecimen.org

This popular attraction offers marine biology experiences through interactive touch

aquariums, educational displays and demonstrations.

LAKE JACKSON MOUNDS ARCHAEOLOGICAL STATE PARK

FloridaStateParks.org/Park/Lake-Jackson

Native Americans lived at this site 800 years ago and it is now considered one of Florida's most important archaeological sites.

LAKE TALQUIN STATE PARK

FloridaStateParks.org

Nestled on the bluffs overlooking Lake Talquin's southern shore, the park offers outdoor activities for all ages.

LICHGATE ON HIGH ROAD

LichgateOnHighRoad.org

This hidden gem includes a majestic live oak and English-style Tudor house — a breathtaking photo opportunity.

OCHLOCKONEE RIVER STATE PARK

FloridaStateParks.org/Park/Ochlockonee-River

This river empties into the Gulf of Mexico and is an excellent

spot for freshwater and saltwater fishing. Park amenities include picnic facilities, a swimming area, trails and wildlife viewing.

ST. GEORGE ISLAND

SeeStGeorgelsland.com

Consistently named one of the best beaches in Florida, this 22-mile-long barrier island is noted for sunning, shelling, swimming and marshes popular for bird and wildlife viewing. Consistently named as one of the best beaches in Florida.

ST. MARKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE & LIGHTHOUSE

FWS.gov/Refuge/St-Marks

Established as a wintering ground for migratory birds, it is one of the oldest refuges in the U.S. The refuge includes coastal marshes, islands, tidal creeks, estuaries of seven North Florida rivers, a historic lighthouse and is a "gateway site" for the Great Florida Birding Trail.



TALLHASSEE MUSEUM

TallahasseeMuseum.org

This 52-acre natural history museum features native habitats showcasing indigenous Florida wildlife including the endangered Florida panther. The museum also has an outdoor zip-line adventure course, artistic dinosaurs made from reclaimed auto parts, historic pioneer buildings, educational exhibits, classrooms, a cafe, gift shop and playground.

featuring rare and endangered species. Offering guided tours and animal encounters.

TALLHASSEE AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM
TACM.com

This museum features over 150 rare vehicles — including three Batmobiles, the horse-drawn funeral hearse that carried Abraham Lincoln and other Americana collections.

TOMAHAWKS 51
Tomahawks51.com

Tallahassee's first axe throwing venue is sure to entertain. Ages 13-plus. Closed-toe shoes required.

Family

CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER/ IMAX THEATER AND PLANETARIUM

ChallengerTLH.com

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FLIPPIN' GREAT PINBALL

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FUN STATION

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HANGAR 38

TheHangar38.com

Bowling, gaming, drinks and dining — fun for the entire family.

NATIONAL HIGH MAGNETIC FIELD LABORATORY AT FSU

NationalMagLab.org

The only facility of its kind in the United States, the "Mag Lab" is the largest and most powerful magnet laboratory in the world. Public tours take place the third Wednesday of every month.

NORTH FLORIDA WILDLIFE CENTER

NorthFloridaWildlife.org

Wildlife Conservation Center

HISTORIC TALLHASSEE TOUR

BLACK ARCHIVES RESEARCH CENTER & MUSEUM

TheBlackArchives.com

FLORIDA'S HISTORIC CAPITOL MUSEUM & FLORIDA CAPITOL

FLHistoricCapitol.gov
FloridaCapitol.MyFlorida.com

CIVIL RIGHTS MEMORIAL AT CASCADES HISTORICAL PLAZA

VisitTallahassee.com/CivilRights

THE GROVE MUSEUM

TheGroveMuseum.com

CASCADES PARK

DiscoverCascades.com

LAKE JACKSON MOUNDS ARCHAEOLOGICAL STATE PARK

FloridaStateParks.org/Park/Lake-Jackson

JOHN G. RILEY CENTER & MUSEUM

RileyMuseum.org

MISSION SAN LUIS

MissionSanLuis.org

GOODWOOD MUSEUM & GARDENS

GoodwoodMuseum.org

OLD CITY CEMETERY

TalGov.com





FLORIDA HISTORIC CAPITOL MUSEUM

FLHistoricCapitol.gov

Restored to its 1902 grandeur the Historic Capitol stands as an icon at the front of Florida's Capitol Complex.

JAKE GAITHER MEMORIAL HOUSE

JakeGaitherHouse.org

The former home of legendary Florida A&M University football coach Jake Gaither is now a museum listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

JOHN G. RILEY CENTER & MUSEUM

RileyMuseum.org

Built in 1890 by John G. Riley, local educator and civic leader, the home is the last visible evidence of Smokey Hollow, an African American community in downtown Tallahassee.

KNOTT HOUSE MUSEUM

MuseumOfFloridaHistory.com

Temporarily closed to the public. This historical home is the site where the Emancipation Proclamation was first read to the public in 1865.

History

APALACHICOLA HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

HistoricApalachicola.com

Quaint town offering shops, restaurants, a brewery and Maritime Museum.

BLACK ARCHIVES RESEARCH CENTER & MUSEUM

FAMU.edu/BlackArchives

Housed within the first Carnegie Library built on a Black land-grant college campus, the Meek-Eaton Black Archives has one of the most extensive collections of African American artifacts in the Southeast.

BRADLEY'S COUNTRY STORE

BradleysCountryStore.com

This family-owned store has operated at the same location since 1927 and is famous for its homemade sausage and country milled grits

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON WORLD WAR II MUSEUM

CampGordonJohnston.com

Located in nearby Carrabelle, the camp served as an amphibious training base for nearly 30,000 soldiers between 1941 and 1946.

FLORIDA CAPITOL COMPLEX

FloridaCapitol.MyFlorida.com

The Capitol Complex consists of the 22-story Capitol building, the House of Representatives and

Senate Chambers, the Historic Capitol and the Knott Building.

GOVERNOR'S MANSION

FloridaGovernorsMansion.com

The mansion's Greek Revival architectural style and the central portico were designed to resemble Andrew Jackson's home, "The Hermitage." The current mansion is home to Florida's governor and the first family.

HERNANDO DE SOTO STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

AmericanHeritage.com/Content/Hernando-de-Soto-State-Archaeological-Site

Believed to be the site of the first Christmas celebrated in North America in 1539 by Spanish conquistador Hernando de Soto and his expedition.



GOODWOOD MUSEUM AND GARDENS

GoodwoodMuseum.org

Originally a cotton plantation, the home now serves as a museum situated on 20 acres with centuries-old live oaks and gardens.



TALLAHASSEE BICENTENNIAL

Scan the QR code for more information on the storied history of Florida's Capital City.





THE GROVE

TheGroveMuseum.com

The Call-Collins House at The Grove is one of the best-preserved examples of Greek Revival architecture in Florida.



LYNCHING HISTORICAL MARKER

VisitTallahassee.com

A historical marker in remembrance of four Black victims of racial terror violence.

MUSEUM OF FLORIDA HISTORY

MuseumOfFloridaHistory.com

Temporarily closed to the public. Opened in 1977 as the state's history museum, it houses exhibits and artifacts covering Florida's history and prehistory.

NATURAL BRIDGE BATTLEFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE

FloridaStateParks.org/Park/Natural-Bridge

Site of the March 1865 Civil War battle where Confederate soldiers defeated Union troops and kept Tallahassee from Union control.

PARK AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT

TalTrust.org

The city's oldest continuous green space, the chain of seven parks encompasses historic homes and a historic cemetery.



CIVIL RIGHTS MEMORIAL AT CASCADES HISTORICAL PLAZA

VisitTallahassee.com/CivilRights

The display commemorates the civil rights activism that took place in Tallahassee and sits on the former site of the Leon County Jail.



PEBBLE HILL PLANTATION

PebbleHill.com

The plantation served as land for cotton, rice and tobacco farming, a sport shooting location and raising prize-winning Jersey cows.

SAN MARCOS DE APALACHE HISTORIC PARK

FloridaStateParks.org/Park/San-Marcos

Located at the confluence of the St. Marks and Wakulla rivers, this site was used by succeeding nations that once controlled the area, including the Spanish, British and the Confederacy.

SOUL VOICES OF FRENCHTOWN

RileyMuseum.org

A walking tour through the historic Frenchtown neighborhood featuring 13 monuments, many with audio messages, highlighting the people and events that helped shape civil rights in Tallahassee.

TAYLOR HOUSE MUSEUM OF HISTORIC FRENCHTOWN

TallahasseeUrbanLeague.org

Built in 1894 by Lewis W. Taylor, today the home serves as a museum of African American history, culture and civil rights.

THOMASVILLE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

ThomasvilleGA.com

The "City of Roses" is known for plantation homes and historic downtown featuring brick-paved streets lined with antique shops, boutiques and restaurants.

UNION BANK MUSEUM

TheBlackArchives.com/Union-Bank

Florida's oldest surviving bank building that reopened after the Civil War as the Freedom Savings and Trust Company for emancipated slaves.

MISSION SAN LUIS

MissionSanLuis.org

The 63-acre site is a living-history museum and national historic landmark of the only reconstructed 17th-century Spanish mission in Florida.



Arts

621 GALLERY

621Gallery.org

The 621 Gallery provides contemporary art, artists and ideas to Tallahassee, North Florida and South Georgia regions.

ANDERSON BRICKLER GALLERY

AndersonBricklerGallery.com

A space for art in south Tallahassee featuring modern, post-war and contemporary artists with a focus on African diasporan artists.

ARTIST SERIES OF TALLAHASSEE

TheArtistSeries.org

Annual public concerts featuring national and international musicians. All performances are held at FSU's Opperman Music Hall.

FAMU ESSENTIAL THEATRE

FAMU.edu/EssentialTheatre

Presenting an annual season of works ranging from classical to contemporary productions, with an emphasis on African American culture.

FAMU FOSTER TANNER FINE ARTS GALLERY

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Foster Tanner is a teaching gallery featuring art exhibitions and public programming during the academic year and beyond.

FSU MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

MOFA.FSU.edu

Contemporary and traditional works of art with all media represented in changing exhibitions each season.

FSU SCHOOL OF THEATRE

Theatre.FSU.edu

Award-winning division of the FSU College of Fine Arts, offers annual full-scale theater productions featuring student artists.

GADSDEN ARTS CENTER & MUSEUM

GadsdenArts.org

Nationally accredited arts center and museum offering

TALLAHASSEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

TallahasseeSymphony.org

One of the country's finest regional orchestras offering classical, holiday and family concerts as well as innovative Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra Jazz performances.



MICKEE FAUST CLUB FOR THE REALLY DRAMATIC ARTS

MickeyFaust.com

The company performs comedic cabaret-style shows at Railroad Square and calls itself "the weirdest thing in Tallahassee since 1987."



a broad range of interpretive and studio art programs and a calendar of regional, national and historically important art exhibitions.

MONTICELLO OPERA HOUSE

MonticelloOperaHouse.org

One of the oldest surviving performance venues in the state, the Monticello Opera House is one of the premier historic structures in the region.

PALAVER TREE THEATER

PalaverTreeTheater.org

Located in Crawfordville, Palaver Tree Theater is Wakulla's premier theater, offering performance and event space and a rental hall.

PAS DE VIE BALLET COMPANY

PasDeVieBallet.com

A semi-professional ballet company dedicated to the preservation of the art of dance.

RAILROAD SQUARE ART DISTRICT

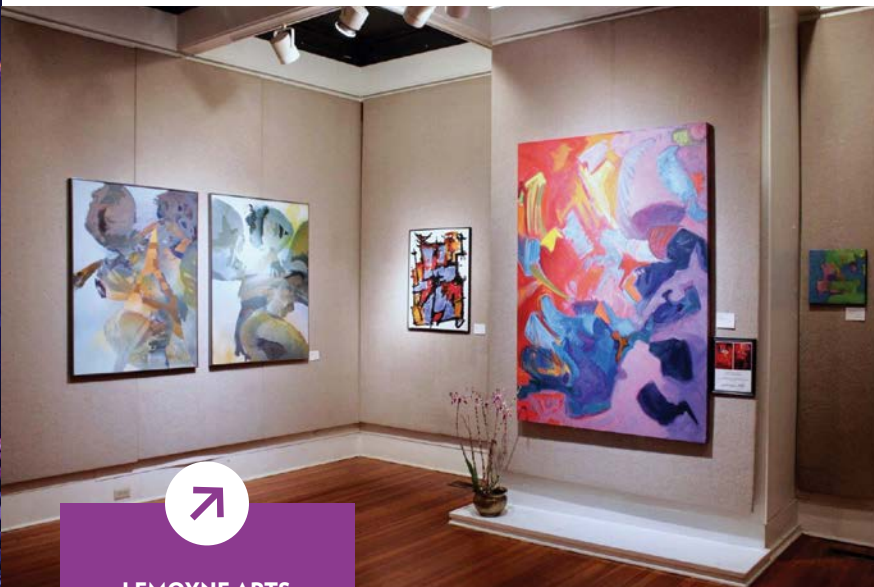
RailroadSquare.com

Railroad Square Art District, a creative haven for artists and entrepreneurs, serves as Tallahassee's "Art District." This historic industrial park is home to over 70 artist studios, galleries and locally owned businesses.

TALLAHASSEE BACH PARLEY

TallahasseeBachParley.org

Experienced musicians perform music of the Baroque era (1600-1750) using period instruments.



LEMOYNE ARTS

LeMoyn.org
 Located in a restored 1853 antebellum home, LeMoyn is a visual arts gallery for local, regional, national and international exhibits.

TALLAHASSEE BALLET

TallahasseeBallet.org
 The Tallahassee Ballet is a regional, semi-professional company featuring classical and contemporary works.

TALLAHASSEE CIVIC CHORALE

CivicChorale.org
 The Tallahassee Civic Chorale consists of local singers with performances throughout the year.

TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY CHORUS

TCCChorus.org
 With singers ranging from high school students through senior citizens, the chorus focuses on the performance of large masterworks with orchestra.

TALLAHASSEE IRISH REPERTORY THEATER

TallahasseeIrishRep.com
 The Irish Repertory Theater provides opportunities to experience the cultural legacy of Ireland through theater and festival events.

TALLAHASSEE HISPANIC THEATER

TallahasseeHispanicTheater.wordpress.com
 The Tallahassee Hispanic Theater is the home of contemporary Hispanic theater productions in Tallahassee.

TALLAHASSEE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

TallahasseeYouthOrchestras.com
 The Tallahassee Youth Orchestras (TYO) is the

premier orchestral training program of Florida's Big Bend area.

THEATRE TALLAHASSEE

TheatreTallahassee.org
 Founded in 1949, Theatre Tallahassee offers eight annual productions across two different stages.

THEATRE TCC!

TCC.fl.edu/student-life/arts-and-culture/theatre-tcc/
 Student performances as part of TCC's Fine and Performing Arts Center. Season includes two mainstream productions and a student showcase.

VENVI ART GALLERY

VenviArtGallery.com
 Owned and operated by artist Brinda Pamulapati, the gallery showcases local talent and presents works of upcoming and master artists.

YOUNG ACTORS THEATRE

YoungActorsTheatre.com
 Independent youth theater program, celebrating nearly 50 consecutive years of training and productions.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Museum of Florida History showcases the area's oldest resident, a giant mastodon skeleton that is over 12,000 years old.



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ART EVENTS CALENDAR



COUNCIL ON CULTURE & ARTS (COCA)

914 Railroad Ave., (850) 224-2500, *TallahasseeArts.org*
 The Council on Culture & Arts is the local arts agency for Tallahassee and Leon County. Visit COCA's website to see a comprehensive calendar of local arts and cultural events, including a complete listing and map of outdoor public art to explore.



Doing Business in Tallahassee

Florida was ranked fourth on the Tax Foundation's 2023 State Business Tax Climate Index

In Tallahassee — where college town meets cultural center, politics meets performing arts, and history meets nature — fostering creativity and innovation is how we do business. Tallahassee's dynamic and supportive business ecosystem attracts entrepreneurs and investors alike, from global corporations like Amazon, Philips and Danfoss to homegrown startups like DivvyUp and Elite Business Strategies. Tallahassee's thriving economic climate is complemented by an array of programs and resources designed specifically for businesses of all sizes and industries to thrive. Florida's Capital is a great place for economic prosperity, from the streamlined tax structure to the affordable cost of doing business.

Tallahassee, Leon County and the State of Florida have many resources to help companies start or relocate to our community. The **Tallahassee-Leon County Office of Economic Vitality (OEV)** can help your business navigate financial and workforce needs, determine incentive eligibility and access training, staffing and research funding. To find out if your business qualifies for any of the incentives, contact OEV Director Keith Bowers at kbowers@oevforbusiness.org or visit [OEVforBusiness.org](https://oevforbusiness.org).

Since 2016, Tallahassee-Leon County has added over 1.4 million square feet of office and industrial space.



HUMAN CAPITAL IS OUR NO. 1 COMMODITY

Tallahassee is home to several esteemed educational institutions, including Florida State University and Florida A&M University. These universities attract a talented pool of graduates, providing the local workforce with diverse skills and expertise. OEV and its workforce and education partners prioritize the talent pipeline with an array of workforce development programs and partnerships. Whether your company is looking to relocate or expand, the community is ready to assist you with recruitment, training and retention strategies.

DELIBERATE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Another factor contributing to Tallahassee's business-friendly climate is the city's commitment to infrastructure development. The City of Tallahassee and Leon County governments have invested in improving transportation networks, including roadways and airport facilities, to enhance the movement of goods and people. This emphasis on infrastructure ensures businesses in Tallahassee have the necessary connectivity to national and international markets.

Tallahassee International Airport's \$28 million International Passenger Processing Facility is one of the most significant infrastructure investments. This global gateway, expected to open for service in 2024, is a designated Foreign Trade Zone that will provide significant advantages for businesses engaged in international trade.



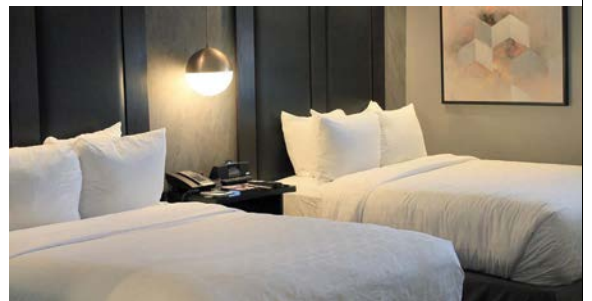
UNMATCHED RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

Florida's Capital Community benefits from a high concentration of the world's leading research institutions, including the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (MagLab), the FSU High-Performance Materials Institute, and the Center for Advanced Power Systems. These organizations attract world-class researchers in aerodynamics, power electronics and magnetic technologies.

Philips, the global leader in MRI technology and manufacturing, has taken notice of these assets. They have recently formed a research partnership with Magnetics Corporation (MagCorp), a Tallahassee-based company, to investigate sustainable alternatives to helium-cooled MRI magnets. This collaboration involves MagLab scientists, further enhancing the expertise and resources invested in the project.

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For over 50 years, it has been our mission to make Downtown work better.

As we celebrate our community's 200th birthday, we are looking back at how far we've come while marching forth into the future of Tallahassee. As an organization that promotes Downtown Tallahassee as a growing destination for business, education and entertainment, we're excited for you to experience everything Downtown has to offer. Get involved with us to create the community you want to be a part of.

Cheers to a bright future, Tallahassee!



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DELIGHT IN AN ARTFUL EXPERIENCE



LEMOYNE ARTS

Visit LeMoyne Arts in Tallahassee’s Downtown Historic District, and experience our fine art gallery, beautiful sculpture gardens and a gallery shop offering giftable works by local artists. Enjoy our wide variety of cultural events, including the nationally recognized Chain of Parks Art Festival held each April.



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Celebrate Tallahassee year-round with free events in Downtown

DOWNTOWN YOGA



- Thursdays, 6 p.m., Kleman Plaza, May–November
- Free event Presented by Florida Blue
- All ability levels
- Bring your own mat and water bottle
- Variety of talented instructors
- Headphones provided with tunes from Bobbleheadz and NaNuKo Digital

Learn more on our Facebook page at @Tallahassee Downtown.

DOWNTOWN MARKET



- Saturdays, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., March–November, Ponce De Leon Park across from the DoubleTree Hotel
- Handmade gifts, local art and live music
- Seasonal produce, fresh-baked goods and tupelo honey
- Live music (MidSouth Bank makes these events possible!)
- Tallahassee, Florida and university souvenirs

Find out more on Instagram @tlhdowntownmarket.

ADAMS ST. FLEA



DOWNTOWN CONCERT SERIES



- One Saturday a month, May–November, 7–10 p.m., Adderley Amphitheater at Cascades Park
- Presented by Visit Tallahassee, the City of Tallahassee, VyStar Credit Union, Millstream at Cascades and more!
- Variety of musicians and genres — something for every taste, every time!
- Food trucks and local vendors on-site, attendees can BYOBeverages, blankets and buddies

Check out Twitter for more information @tlhdowntown.

SOUNDS OF DOWNTOWN



- 8-plus local artists and 6-plus walkable venues twice a year!
- Free music crawl with good food, good music and good vibes

Check in for dates on our Facebook page at @Tallahassee Downtown.

- One Saturday a month on Adams Street outside of City Hall and Poco Vino from 12–3 p.m.
- Curated market featuring hyper-local merchants showcasing handcrafted goods, vintage finds, fresh grown flowers, vegan baked goods and so much more
- ADJ spins the tunes while you shop and sip
- This aesthetic event is put on by Poco Vino

Get more details about the next one on TikTok @tlhdowntown



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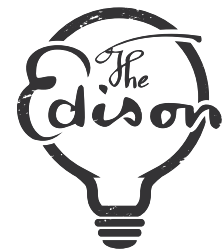
ILLUMINATE YOUR DINING EXPERIENCE



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Located in the heart of Tallahassee's most popular outdoor attraction, Cascades Park, The Edison is the city's premier choice for corporate meetings, luncheons and special events. From the internationally inspired cuisine to the beautiful brick building boasting Old-World charm with contemporary fixtures, you and your guests are sure to experience something stunning at every turn.

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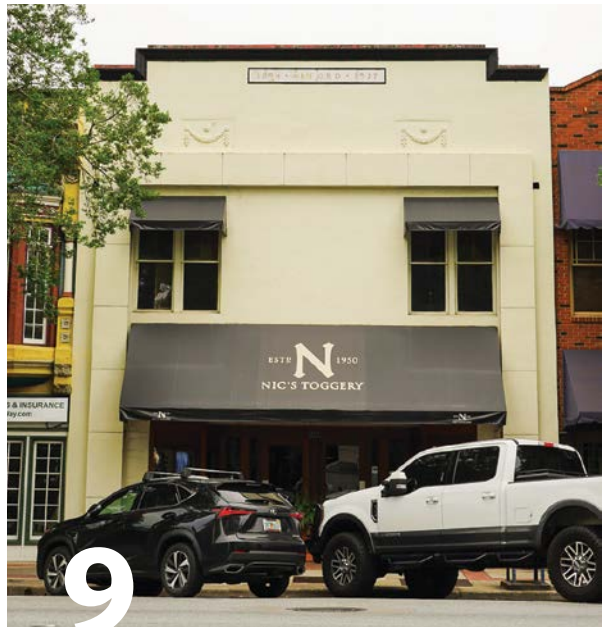
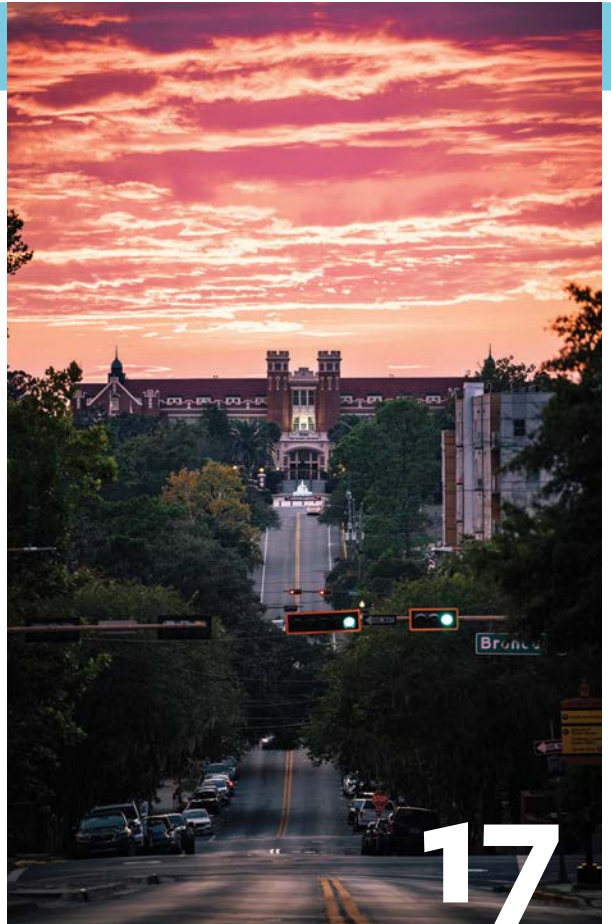
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24 Iconic Downtown Tallahassee Experiences & Places

With over 200 years of options, this list was hard to limit to just a few!

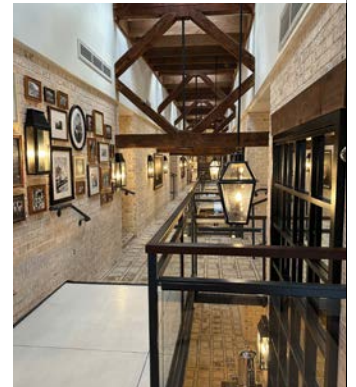
ENJOY THE HEART OF OUR CITY 24/7

- 1** Visit the TLH Sculpture at Cascades, and snap a selfie.
- 2** Head to the 22nd floor of the Capitol to catch a view of St. Mark's on a clear day.
- 3** Shop the Downtown Market at Ponce De Leon Park.
- 4** Order a link of the famous Bradley's Sausage at The Egg Cafe & Eatery.
- 5** Stand in the footsteps of Nat and Cannonball Adderly and Famous Wally Amos at the Smokey Hollow recreation.
- 6** Test your Florida and Tallahassee knowledge at trivia night at the Historic Capitol Museum.
- 7** Catch beads from Florida Krewe's at the Springtime Tallahassee Parade.
- 8** Try the fried deviled eggs at JoEllen's — Downtown's first black-owned brick and mortar restaurant.
- 9** Get a custom suit or tie made at Nic's Toggery, the finest, oldest retailer in Downtown.
- 10** Shred the Rattler statue at the FAMU Way Skatepark and roll around Railroad Square.
- 11** Pick up a new book from Common Ground Books, an LGBTQIA+ store.
- 12** Enjoy a cheeseburger wrap on Thursday from Metro Deli.
- 13** Stroll through all seven of the parks that make up Tallahassee's Chain of Parks — bonus if you're there during the Art Festival of the same name.
- 14** Sing your heart out at Bird's Aphrodisiac Oyster Shack's Karaoke Night with a cheeseburger and beer.
- 15** Experience the best oysters at the iconic Shell Oyster Bar, hot dogs at South Station, and legendary beer at landmark brewery Proof — all without leaving the block.
- 16** Overlook Cascades Park while enjoying a cocktail at Charlie Park made from Ology distilled spirits.
- 17** Take in the view of the sunset over Florida State University from Kleman Plaza.
- 18** Attend a "Pink Floyd: The Dark Side of the Moon" show at the Challenger Learning Center.
- 19** Eat some of the best fried chicken of your life from Early's Kitchen Capitol location.
- 20** Hear the ringing of St. John's historic bells.
- 21** Learn from John G. Riley himself at the Riley House Museum.
- 22** Take to the streets with hundreds of jolly jinglers at the Jingle Bell Run during Winter Festival.
- 23** Visit Prince Murat (Napoleon Bonaparte's nephew) in one of the Downtown cemeteries. Find Elizabeth Bud Bell's grave as well!
- 24** Seeds from a lunar mission grew into trees at Cascades Park. Scope them out!



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GOVERNOR'S INN



WE ALL HAVE A STORY TO TELL

The historic 1895 timber wood frame barn was originally home to a carriage and wagon shoppe. In 1984, it was converted into a hotel and now has been newly renovated and reimagined. Seamlessly blending the old with the new, the Governor's Inn invites guests to enter into a snapshot of Florida Political History.

The Governor's Inn is oozing with history. We invite the guest to join our story, enjoy our legacy and delve into the spirit of indulgence. Enter the cozy lobby, head upstairs via the new glass staircase and hang out on the new front balcony overlooking Florida's Capitol. A must-see!



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Here's to Another 200!

Tallahassee's history is being written every day. Experience old and new favorites, learn how far we've come and enjoy the present!

TALES AND TRAILS FILLED WITH FLORIDA AND TALLAHASSEE'S PAST AND PRESENT!

1. TAKE A GHOST TOUR through Storied Paths — fun for all ages and so informative!

2. SPEND A NIGHT at the new Governors Inn and learn about gubernatorial history.

3. WALK THROUGH HISTORY at the Foot Soldier Monument on Jefferson and Monroe.

4. EXPERIENCE FIRST MOTHERS MURAL, the creation story from the Seminole Tribe of Florida artists Wilson Bowers and Samuel Tommie near the Civic Center.

5. READ THROUGH CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY on the Civil Rights Panel.

6. GRAB A SUSHI ROLL, and read about Chuck Morgan's impact at Chuck's Fish.

7. VISIT THE HISTORIC OLD CAPITOL MUSEUM'S rotating exhibit to learn something new each time!

8. TAKE A SPACE MISSION at the Challenger Learning Center, where Florida's Space Coast meets the Capital City!

9. JUST AS PREVIOUS GOVERNORS HAVE, walk from the Capitol to the Governor's mansion. Next door is the Grove Museum; experience one of the most iconic governors in our history.

10. TAKE A WALKING TRAIL from Visit Tallahassee's Heritage Tours.



HISTORY IN A GLASS

1. THE BUBBLES AND AMBIANCE flow at Poco Vino, where one of the city's oldest buildings offers the best wine shop.

2. THE OLD WATERWORKS BUILDING is now a brewery. It's fitting, beautiful and full of rich history (and beer!).

3. HOUSED IN A BUILDING OVER 100 YEARS OLD, Bar 1903 began as a private library but is now a bar with a collection of cocktails and over 100 drinks to choose from!

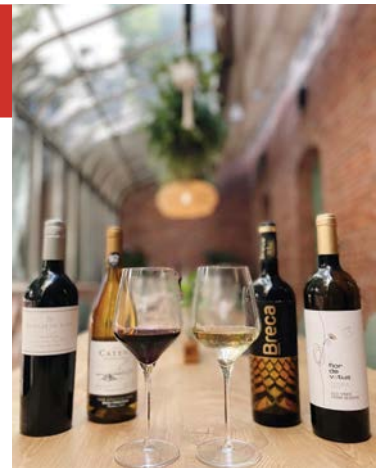
4. LEARN ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY'S FIRST BREWERY at Proof Brewing Company. They've blazed beer trails in Tallahassee.

5. THE EDISON AT CASCADES was our first electric plant and is now one of the brightest dining spots, not to mention a beautiful example of adaptive reuse.

6. VISIT THE APPALOOSA at the Governors Inn for a history lesson, and enjoy the finest bourbon selection.

7. ENJOY LOCAL BEER AND FOOD from South Station. This revitalized Esso station now serves happy motorists and pedestrians alike with local beer and in-house hot dogs. South Station is a gas!

8. OUR COMMUNITY BOASTS LOCALLY DISTILLED SPIRITS from Ology Brewing, where you can get a science lesson, too. Drink some at Eve on Adams, where the rooftop views are incredible.



9. HISTORIC VIEWS of the Capitol and Supreme Court and a cup of coffee await you at La Florida.

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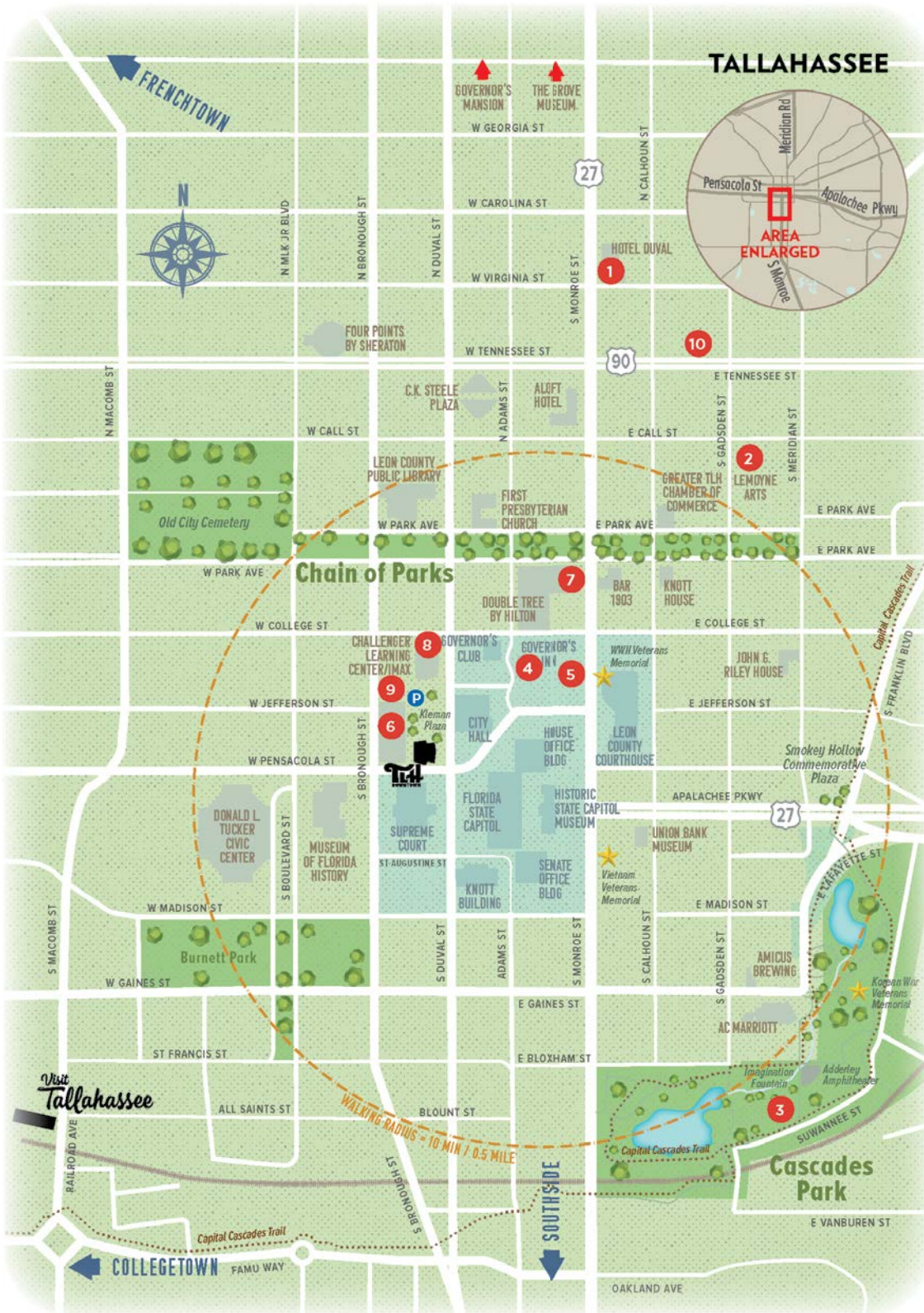
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GET AROUND TALLAHASSEE DOWNTOWN



THE DOWNTOWN TALLAHASSEE HERITAGE TRAIL is the first in a series of Heritage Trails. Explore VisitTallahassee.com/HeritageTrails for more information.

Stops along the way include 13 historically significant sites in downtown Tallahassee, from the **Florida Historic Capitol Museum** to the **Civil Rights Heritage Walk**, which commemorates more than 50 foot soldiers. You can learn about eras unique to our state at the **Museum of Florida History**, enjoy beautiful scenery at **Cascades Park**, take a brief walk to **Smokey Hollow Historic District**, and then stroll up the street to the **John G. Riley Center and Museum**. From there, visit the “House that Rhymes,” where the Emancipation Proclamation was first read at the **Knott House**. You can cool off with a drink at the historic **Bar 1903**. Continue down the **Chain of Parks** while viewing **First Presbyterian Church**, which was constructed in 1838, then to the **Old City Cemetery** — a final resting place for men and women who contributed to the Development of Tallahassee and state of Florida.

Additional sites to visit include the **Soul Voices: Frenchtown Heritage Trail** and the **Grove Museum** near the Governor’s Mansion.

The Heritage Trail was developed in partnership with Leon County, The Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority, John G. Riley House Museum, City of Tallahassee, Florida Department of State, the Tallahassee Historical Society, and local community leaders.





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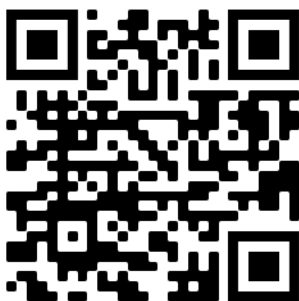
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Day Trips from Florida's Capital City

Explore the welcoming communities surrounding Tallahassee during your stay in Florida's Capital City with these awesome Day Trips!

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge *20 miles south of Tallahassee*

This beautiful wildlife refuge offers opportunities for hiking, birdwatching and enjoying nature. Located on the coast, visit one of the oldest lighthouses in Florida or search for Pinky, the resident flamingo.

Wakulla Springs State Park *15 miles south of Tallahassee*

One of the world's largest and deepest freshwater springs, Wakulla Springs is known for its crystal-clear waters and diverse wildlife. Enjoy a swim in the year-round 70-degree waters, take a jungle boat tour or even spot manatees during the colder months.

Apalachicola, Florida *80 miles southwest of Tallahassee*

This charming coastal town is famous for its bustling seafood houses, historic buildings and weather-worn shrimp boats. Enjoy fresh seafood, shopping, craft breweries and picturesque streets.

Thomasville, Georgia *35 miles north of Tallahassee*

Located just across the Georgia state line, this small town features

quaint shops and restaurants that line the brick-paved streets. A trip to Thomasville wouldn't be complete without a trip to Sweet Grass Dairy Cheese Shop for a taste of farm-fresh artisanal cheese.

Florida Caverns State Park *70 miles west of Tallahassee*

The only state park in Florida where visitors can take a guided tour through a large cave system and explore the geological beauty of Florida's caverns.

Panacea, Florida *30 miles south of Tallahassee*

Explorers of all ages will enjoy time at the Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory in Panacea. Interact at touch-tanks and learn about regional marine creatures such as seahorses, hermit crabs, emerald eyed spiny box fish and more.

Torrey State Park *50 miles west of Tallahassee*

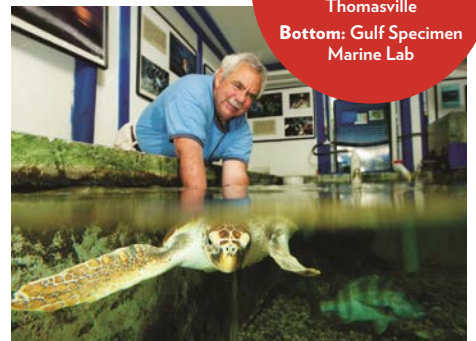
High bluffs overlooking the Apalachicola River make Torrey one of Florida's most scenic places. Keep an eye out for the Torrey tree, an extremely rare species that only grows on the bluffs of the Apalachicola River.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tallahassee was selected as the capital of Florida due to its location as the midpoint between Pensacola and St. Augustine.



Top: Lighthouse at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge
Middle: Downtown Thomasville
Bottom: Gulf Specimen Marine Lab



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Don't miss the Visitor Information Center & Gift Shop at 918 Railroad Ave. Featuring over 30 local makers, this is your one-stop shop for all things Tallahassee.



TALLAHASSEE'S CHARM lies not only in its rich history and culture but also in the local businesses that call this region home. From vintage treasures at Railroad Square and independent bookstores in Midtown to chic boutiques in Market Square, Tallahassee's diverse retail scene offers the perfect fit for any style.



← **Diddy Up Socks**

Grab a pair of local Diddy Up socks and show off your love for Tallahassee while giving back. For every pair purchased, one pair of socks is donated to a local homeless shelter.



↗ **Orchard Pond Honey**

For a taste of locally grown goodness, visit Orchard Pond, where fresh produce and artisanal products abound. From the Red Hills region, Orchard Pond's honey bees make the finest Tupelo, wildflower and gallberry honey.



← **Bicentennial Commemorative Coin**

Commemorate your trip to Tallahassee with our limited-edition Bicentennial coin, a cherished keepsake embodying the region's 200-year history. Available at the Visitor Information Center on Railroad Avenue.

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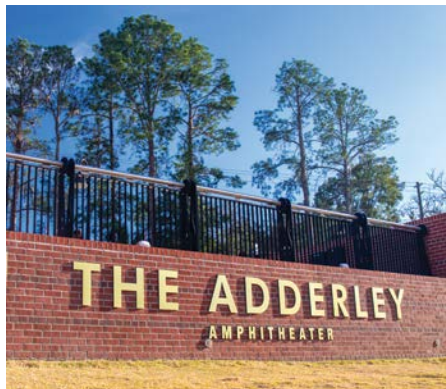
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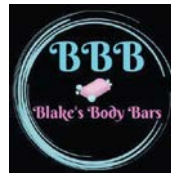
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(850) 877-7810
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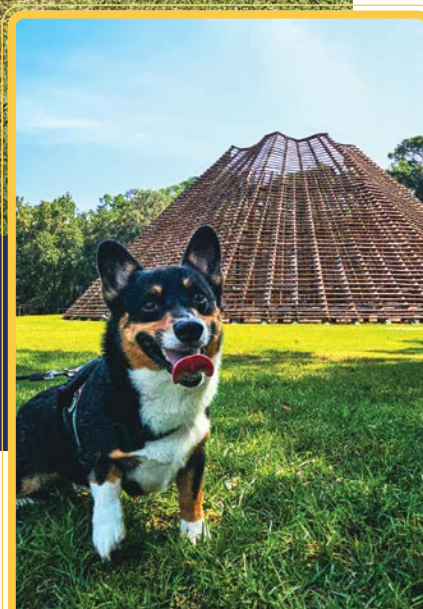
Hyatt House Tallahassee
Capitol – University



Cascades Park

TAIL WAGGING Tallahassee

Tallahassee welcomes four-legged family members with open paws. Pet-friendly accommodations, parks, trails and restaurants make Tallahassee a favorite for those traveling with dogs. For more pet-friendly sites, check out VisitTallahassee.com.



MISSION SAN LUIS

A Pet-Friendly Historical Gem

Mission San Luis, a National Historical Landmark, offers a pet-friendly journey to the 1600s where Apalachee Natives and Spanish settlers coexisted peacefully. This reconstructed

Spanish mission welcomes well-behaved dogs on leashes.

Experience period-dressed interpreters bringing history to life and providing a captivating journey into the past.



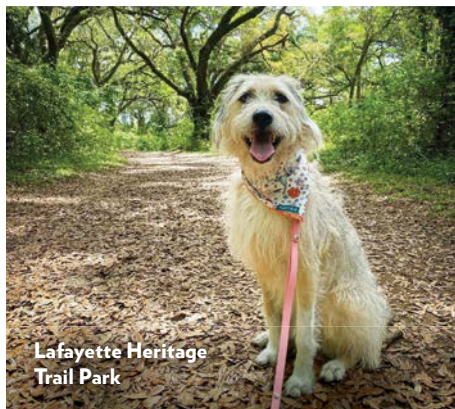
Jeri's Midtown Cafe

🐾 Sit. Stay. Lay Down.

Tallahassee offers more than 25 pet-friendly hotels as well as plenty of home-share options that offer yards where dogs can roam. Look for the 🐾 in the hotel listings on pages 76–77.

🐾 Wanna Go for a Walk?

With so many parks and trails, Tallahassee is a pet paradise. Favorite dog parks include Bradfordville Dog Park, Tom Brown Park, All Saints District, Cascades Park and the Downtown Chain of Parks.



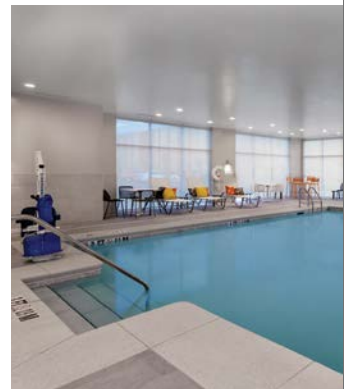
Lafayette Heritage Trail Park

🐾 Chow Down

All fresco dining is enjoyable for all, especially during Tallahassee's spring and fall seasons. Many of the area restaurants and bars are equipped with outdoor seating and love hosting pets and their people. Find dining for you and your pup at VisitTallahassee.com.



THE HOLIDAY INN TALLAHASSEE



THE HOLIDAY INN TALLAHASSEE EAST CAPITOL - UNIVERSITIES

A welcome addition to the Apalachee Parkway path to the State Capitol Complex. This newly constructed hotel features 103 modern guest rooms, indoor pool, high-tech fitness center, restaurant with bar and over 2,700 square feet of versatile meeting space. The property is located at 2003 Apalachee Parkway and is just east of Blair Stone Road. We are three miles away from the Capitol Complex, both FSU and FAMU, the SouthWood offices and neighborhood, and close to Cascades Park and many other local sites and sports facilities.



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