



THINGS TO DO IN GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

A Helpful Guide

These pages are filled with local places to suit your every need while you enjoy your stay with us!

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Visit us at:
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RESTAURANTS

Embers Wood Grill: *3545 SW 34th St Ste A*

Cuisine: Seafood – Steak House

In my opinion- the best restaurant in town because of its excellent service, professional wait staff, quality of the wine list, and the delicious food. I would tell you to tell them that I sent you (they are great friends and my art is around the restaurant), but you will get good service and food no matter what.

Blue Gill Restaurant: *1310 SW 13th St*

Cuisine: Seafood

In my opinion- Great Seafood! Open for lunch Monday - Saturday, and for dinner from Thursday- Saturday.

Camellia Court Café: *3215 Hull Rd*

Cuisine: Café

Harvest Thyme Café: *4780 NW 39th Ave*

Cuisine: Café

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DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS:

Emilianos Café: *7 SE 1st Ave*

Cuisine: Latin American - Spanish

In my opinion- Delish!

Dragonfly Sushi: *201 SE 2nd Ave Ste 104*

Cuisine: Japanese- Sushi

In my opinion- Best sushi in Gainesville- go early because the wait can be long on weekends

Mark's Prime Steakhouse: *201 SE 2nd Ave*

Cuisine: Steak House - Seafood

Harry's Seafood Bar & Grill: *110 SE 1st St Unit A*

Cuisine: Seafood – American

Manuel's Vintage Room: *6 S Main St*

Cuisine: Italian

In my opinion- Superb wine menu!

The Top: *30 N Main St*

Cuisine: Vegetarian

Paramount Grill: *12 SW 1st Ave*

Cuisine: American

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FOOD DELIVERY

For restaurant food delivery services visit:

www.doorstepdelivery.com

www.grubhub.com

www.gainesville2go.com

www.352delivery.com

www.2dollardelivery.com

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GROCERY STORES

Earth Fare: *3045 SW 34th St*

In my opinion- Organic Products

Publix locations:

125 SW 34th St

1302 N Main St (Downtown)

4115 NW 16th Blvd

3100 SW 35th Blvd

3720 NW 13th St Ste 9

Fresh Market: *4120 NW 16th Blvd*

Trader Joe's: *3724 SW Archer Rd*

In my opinion- Great store with a lot of unique products.

Lucky's Market: *1483 NW 23rd Ave*

In my opinion- Love this store!

Ward's Supermarket: *515 NW 23rd Ave*

In my opinion- Local produce and great meats.

If you don't have time to grocery shop, you can order groceries for delivery at:

www.lazydelivery.com

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COFFEE

Starbucks: *1520 NW 13th St & 201 SE 1st St*

Cuisine: Coffee House

Maude's Classic Café: *101 SE 2nd Pl*

Cuisine: Coffee House - Desserts

Volta Coffee Tea & Chocolate: *48 SW 2nd St*

Cuisine: Desserts – Coffee House - Desserts

Know Where Coffee: *1226 W University Ave*

Cuisine: Desserts – Coffee House

Coffee Culture: *2020 NW 13th St*

Cuisine: Desserts – Coffee House

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DESSERT

Sweet Dreams: *3437 W University Ave*

Cuisine: Ice Cream Parlor

In my opinion- best ice cream in Gainesville! Lots of flavors to choose from. Have very unique and tasty flavors. All homemade in shop!

Mochi Frozen Yogurt: *201 SE 2nd Ave Ste 104*

Cuisine: Ice Cream Parlor – Frozen Desserts - Desserts

In my opinion- very good yogurt! My son loves going here all the time!

Dolce Vita Bakery Café: *4908 NW 34th Blvd*

Cuisine: Desserts – Café – Bakery

Gigi's Cupcakes: *3524 SW Archer Rd*

Cuisine: Cupcakes – Bakery - Dessert

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THEATERS/ STAGES

Hippodrome State Theatre: *3545 SW 34th St Ste A*

Business: Theatre

About: The Hippodrome is Gainesville's cultural centerpiece offering live theatre, films, gallery exhibits, classes, and special events over 340 days a year. The Hipp. It's close to home, but far from ordinary!

In my opinion- Very beautiful old building, great shows, unique experience! A definite must for anyone visiting Gainesville!

Gainesville Community Playhouse: *4039 NW 16th Blvd*

Business: Playhouse

Regal Royal Park Stadium 16: *3702 Newberry Rd*

Business: Movies - Cinema

Regal Gainesville Cinema Stadium 14: *3101 SW 35th Blvd*

Business: Movies - Cinema

Phillips Center for the Performing Arts: *6741 W Newberry Rd*

Business: Theatre

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MUSEUMS

Florida Museum of Natural History: 3215 Hull R

Their Mission: "Understanding, preserving and interpreting biological diversity and cultural heritage to ensure their survival for future generations."

"Our Mission." Florida Museum of Natural History. Web.

In my opinion- Great Family activity!

Exhibits:

- Butterfly Rainforest (so much fun!)
- Florida Fossils: Evolution of Life & Land
- Northwest Florida: Waterways & Wildlife
- South Florida People & Environments
- Discovery Room (great for kids!)
- Exploring Our World

Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art: 3259 Hull Rd

Overview: The Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida is an 112,800-square-foot-facility, which includes 40,400 square foot of exhibition space, 5 garden spaces, a 250-seat auditorium, study center, museum store, café and classroom spaces. The Harn's collection totals more than 9,000 objects including African, Asian, modern and contemporary art, and photography with significant representations of Ancient American and oceanic art, as well as a growing collection of natural history works on paper. - See more at: <http://harn.ufl.edu/about#sthash.zWlysvFn.dpuf>

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SPORTS

Ben Hill Griffin Stadium: *121 Gate Lemerand Dr*

Home of the GATORS

*Please check online for events

Stephen C. O'Connell Center: *250 Gale Lemerand Dr*

Home of FL Basketball

*Please check online for events

Alfred A. Mickethan Stadium At Perry Field: *Gale Lemerand Dr And University*

Home of FL Baseball

*Please check online for events

Mckethan Stadium: *120 SW 13th*

Home of FL Baseball

*Please check online for events

Donald R. Dizney Stadium: *1788 Natural Area Dr*

Home of Gator Lacrosse

*Please check online for events

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FUNGATORKIDS.COM

Fun 4 Gator Kids:

Check out the calendar that they update every week

They list family-friendly events in the Gainesville area including:

- festivals, fairs, and carnivals
- family fun days
- holiday events for Halloween, Christmas, Easter and 4th of July
- story times & library programs
- kids classes and ongoing programs
- kids triathlons, races, 5Ks and walks
- parenting workshops
- children's theater productions
- shows, concerts and other performances
- spectator sports games
- kids pageants and competitions
- consignment sales and book sales
- and more!

Check them out on Social Media



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ZOO

Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo: 3000 NW 83rd St

The Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo, a unique 10-acre zoo in Gainesville, FL, is one of the only two teaching zoos in the nation.

General Admission:

Adults (Ages 13 to 59)	\$6.00
Children (Ages 4 to 12)	\$5.00
Seniors (60 +)	\$5.00
UF Students & Staff	\$ 5.00
Children (Ages 3 – under)	FREE
SF Students & Staff	FREE with Current SF ID

Hours: 9 am to 2 pm (7 days a week)

In my opinion- I have gone here countless times and the staff is always very nice, the exhibits are very well kept, and it is a great place for all ages. This is a very impressive feat since this zoo is completely run and maintained by the zoo students. I hope that you can visit and enjoy it during your visit to Gainesville! *photo credit to

Santa Fe College



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TRAILS

Morningside Trails:

Difficulty: Easy

Season: Year- Round

Activity: Hiking

Length: 7.50 miles

Sweetwater Preserve East Trail:

Difficulty: Moderate

Average duration: 1 Hour

Activity: Hiking

Length: 1.20 miles

Paynes Praire - La Chua Trail:

Difficulty: Moderate

Season: Year- Round

Activity: Hiking – Walking – Bird Watching

Length: 3 miles

In my opinion- I have walked this trail many times and it is always wonderful! Alligators, wild horses, and flowers that are just beautiful! This is definitely a hike to take during you visit to Gainesville you don't want to miss! (Photo credit: Susannah Peddie)



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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Ichetucknee Springs: *12087 SW US Highway 27, Fort White, FL*

In my opinion: Great place to swim with the family!

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens: *4700 SW 58th Dr*

In my opinion: Just beautiful.

Hawthorne Trail: *3400 SE 15 Street*

Note- 30 mile round trip biking and walking trail.

Thomas Center: *302 NE 6th Ave*

In my opinion- Beautiful old house with beautiful gardens and a nice fountain. Located just north of downtown Gainesville. This is a city park so admission is free!

NEW Depot Park: *200 SE Depot Ave*

Great for the kids! Water features included. With trails, picnic area, and park. With a NEW Pop-A-Top General Store in old train station. * Photos from website



Also see www.visitgainesville.com for more suggestions.

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BARS

Gator City Sports Grill: *1728 W University Ave*

Hours: Mon – Fri 11 am – 2 am

Sat – Sun 12 pm – 2 am

Mother's Pub & Grill: *1017 W University Ave*

Hours: Mon – Sat 7 am – 2 am

Sun 7:30 am – 12 pm

Gainesville House of Beer: *19 W University Ave*

Hours: Mon – Fri 2 pm – 2 am

Sat – Sun 8 am – 2 am

Durty Nelly's Irish Pub: *208 W University Ave*

Hours: Mon – Sat 4 pm – 2 am

Sun 5 pm – 1 am

Rockey's Dueling Piano Bar: *112 S Main St*

Hours: Tue – Sat 6 pm – 2 am

DOWNTOWN BARS:

Tall Paul's Brew House: *10 SE 2nd Ave*

Hours: Mon - Sun 4:00 PM - 2:00 AM

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CLUBS

The Bull: *18 SWE 1st Ave*

Hours: Mon-Sat 4:00pm – 2:00am

University Club: *18 E University Ave*

Hours: Mon – Fri 5 pm -2 am

Sat 9 pm – 2 am

Sun 5 pm – 2 am

Double Down Live: *210 SW 2nd Ave*

Hours: Mon – Sun 9 pm – 2 am

Lillian's Music Store: *112 SE 1st St*

Hours: Mon – Sun 2 pm – 2 am

The Bank Bar & Lounge: *22 W University Ave*

Hours: Tue – Sat 4 pm – 2 am

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MALL

The Oaks Mall: *6419 W Newberry Rd*

Hours: Mon – Sat 10 am – 9 pm

Sun 12 pm – 6 pm

In my opinion- A very nice mall! This is the biggest mall near Gainesville. There are many great stores, friendly staff, and very well maintained.

Stores (not all listed) :

Thornebrook®

Aeropostale®

American Eagle Outfitters®

Banana Republic®

Bath & Body Works®

Belk®

GameStop®

Hot Topic®

Food & Drink (not all listed) :

Cinnabon®

Buffalo Wild Wings®

Chick-fil-A®

Starbucks®

Great Wraps®

Ruby Tuesday®

Red Robin®

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PLAZA

NEW Butler Plaza North: *3217 SW 35th Blvd, right off SW Archer Rd*

In my opinion: This is the best place to get all the items on your shopping list. There are many shops and stores to choose from.

Stores (not all stores listed) :

Walmart®

Lowe's®

Marshalls®

Payless Shoes®

ALDI®

Longhorn Steakhouse®

Total Wine and more®

Longhorn Steakhouse®

Olive Garden®

Dollar Tree®

Sam's Club®

Culvers®

NEW Bass Pro Shop: *4526 SW Archer Rd*

Written by: Anthony Clark: "A wide center aisle leading to the back of the store features murals depicting cypress swamps overhead and platforms that look like earth and grass holding stuffed deer, black bears, wild hogs and bison. At the back, a waterfall falls down a false rock wall ending in a 12,000-gallon aquarium featuring live fish." -read more at Gainesville.com

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FARMERS' MARKETS

Gainesville Farmers Markets:

In my opinion: Great place to get handmade organic products made locally.

TIOGA: 13005 West Newberry Rd. Monday 4-7pm	GREEN MARKET: 5408 NW 8 th Ave Friday 3-7pm	ALACHUA COUNTY: 5920 NW 13 th St. Saturday 8:30-1pm
UNION STREET: 111 E. University Ave. Wednesday 4-7pm	THORNEBROOKE VILLAGE: 2441 NW 43 rd St. Friday 3-7pm	HAILE VILLAGE: S.W. 91 st Terr. Saturday 8:30-12pm



Photo credit: Sam Lyons

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HOSPITALS

Shands Hospital: *1600 SW Archer Rd*

North Florida Regional Medical Center: *6500 W Newberry Rd*

UF Health: *1600 SW Archer Rd*

(NOT ALL HOSPITALS LISTED)

ANIMAL HOSPITALS:

Suburban Animal Hospital: *3831 W Newberry Rd*

Gainesville Animal Hospital: *2838 NW 6th St*

Small Animal Hospital: *2015 SW 16th Ave*

(NOT ALL HOSPITALS LISTED)

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PHARMACY

CVS Pharmacy: *311 SW 13th St &
901 N Main St &
1515 NW 13th St*

Walgreens: *1120 E University Ave &
1615 NW 13th St*

Publix Pharmacy: *1302 N Main St*

Walmart Pharmacy: *1800 NE 12th Ave*

UF Health Pharmacy: *1515 SW Archer Rd*

Gainesville VA Pharmacy: *1601 SW Archer Rd*

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CHURCHES

St. Augustine Catholic Church: *1738 W University Ave*

United Church of Gainesville: *1624 NW 5th Ave*

First Presbyterian Church: *106 SW 3rd St*

University Lutheran Church: *1826 W University*

New Hope United Methodist Church: *302 SE 2nd Ave*

Faith Christian Family Church: *1208 NW 10th Ave*

Church of God by Faith: *1002 NW 3rd Ave*

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