

BEST AFTER-WORK BAR

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Front Page News** 1104 Crescent Ave NE (404) 897-3500
Booming Big Easy-style bar scene (and a serious Sunday brunch) grab headlines on Crescent Avenue.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Manuel's Tavern** 602 N Highland Ave (404) 525-3447
The taps at this local haunt drip with nostalgia.

Rock Bottom Restaurant 3242 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 264-0253
Big menu and hopping happy hour put this brewhouse on the Buckhead map.

Gordon Biersch 848 Peachtree St (404) 870-0805
A West Coast import with more flair, and better fare, than most microbreweries.

Bucket Shop Cafe 3475 Lenox Rd NE (404) 261-9244
Strange bedfellows: Power suits and neo-hippies share space at this low-key Buckhead bar.

BEST ANTIQUE SHOPPING

Scott Antique Market 3650 Jonesboro Rd (404) 363-2299
Quality merch, reputable dealers: serious antique buyers hit this show once a month.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Lakewood Antiques Market**
2000 Lakewood Ave SE (404) 622-4488
"Martha Stewart Living" meets the county fair.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Chamblee's Antique Row**
Broad St and Peachtree Rd, Chamblee
Fleas and rare finds jam this antique intersection northeast of Atlanta.

Crabapple Antique Village Mayfield Rd and Mid Broadwell Rd, Alpharetta
Crafts and collectibles meet on a country corner north of Atlanta.

Simpler Tymes Antiques 369 N Central Ave, Hapeville (404) 763-8770
This inner sanctum for antique dealers opens to the public once a month.

BEST ATTRACTION FOR VISITORS

EDITORIAL WINNER! **CNN Studio Tour** 1 CNN Center (404) 827-2300
Couch-potato nirvana... except for all the walking.

High Museum of Art 1280 Peachtree St (404) 733-4444
Atlanta's masterpiece in the fine arts.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Stone Mountain Park**
PO Box 778, Stone Mountain (770) 498-5690
Whether you come for the touristy kitsch or the sportsman's paradise, you'll get a great view of Atlanta.

Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site
450 Auburn Ave NE (404) 331-6922
The Civil Rights movement took its first steps at these sites.

World of Coca-Cola 55 Martin Luther King Jr Dr (404) 676-5151
The world's favorite soft drink gone EPCOT.

BEST BARBEQUE

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Fat Matt's Rib Shack** 1811 Piedmont Ave NE (404) 607-1622
To-die-for ribs in a red-hot blues shack: Atlanta arrives on the (sauce-stained) BBQ map.

Williamson Bros Bar-B-Q 1425 Roswell Rd (770) 971-7748
The Ben and Jerry of country barbecue smoke it up in Marietta.

Rib Ranch 25 Irby Ave NW (404) 233-7644
Texas-style barbecue and a ranch with a patio in the heart of Buckhead.

The Swallow at the Hollow 1072 Green St, Roswell (678) 352-1975
Park by the woodpile, check your 'cue credentials at the door and let this friendly nouveau smokehouse charm you.

Factory's BBQ 428 Boulevard SE (404) 627-8448
A master smoker with an Okie pedigree brings the real deal to Grant Park.

BEST BARGAIN HOTEL

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Granada Suite Hotel**
1302 W Peachtree St NW (404) 876-6100
Check in for great rates and loads of charm right in the heart of Midtown.

Historic Days Inn 683 Peachtree St NE (404) 874-9200
Historically low rates in the heart of the city.

Holiday Inn Midtown North 1810 Howell Mill Rd NW (404) 351-3831
An almost-great location makes for noticeably lower rates.

Summerfield Suites 505 Pharr Rd NE (404) 262-7880
Buckhead's best combination of amenities, rates and location.

Sleep Inn/Mainstay Suites 800 Sidney Marcus Blvd (404) 949-4000
Nice hotels with good rates on the fringe of Buckhead.

BEST BIG EVENT

Music Midtown
Three days, a dozen stages, a hundred acts: Atlanta rocks, jams and grooves every May.

Atlanta Pride Festival
Gay, lesbian, straight and all the colors under the rainbow unite.

Atlanta Dogwood Festival
Atlanta's sacrament of spring and favorite free festival.

Peachtree Road Race
Fifty-five thousand joggers gridlock Peachtree and all they get is a lousy T-shirt.

Peach Drop
Atlanta's New Year's Eve answer to Times Square.

BEST BOWLING ALLEY

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Express Lanes** 1936 Piedmont Cir NE (404) 874-5703
Low prices, round-the-clock hours, a retro lounge: Nothing in town tops these lanes.



Brunswick Gwinnett Lanes 3835 Hwy 29, Lawrenceville (770) 925-2000
Overpriced and overcrowded, this suburban pin mecca still offers one of Atlanta's biggest bowling scenes.

AMF Marietta Lanes 565 Cobb Pkwy S, Marietta (770) 427-4696
These lanes have the flash to back up their high prices.

Suburban Fun Bowl 2619 N Decatur Rd, Decatur (404) 373-2514
This Decatur standby hasn't changed much through the decades—a good or bad thing depending on whom you ask.

Northeast Plaza Fun Bowl 3285 Buford Hwy NE (404) 636-7548
This alley could use a remodeling job, but it still offers a rarity: cosmic bowling ITP.

BEST BREAKFAST

Flying Biscuit Cafe 1655 McLendon Ave (404) 687-8888
This cozy Candler Park steady gives Atlanta a new vocabulary for its favorite weekend meal.

OK Cafe 1284 W Paces Ferry Rd (404) 233-2888
Updated Old School diner hosts the meeting before the meeting and late-night aftersets alike in Buckhead.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Crescent Moon**
254 W Ponce De Leon Ave, Decatur (404) 377-5623
Space Age retro and a killer all-day breakfast blast off in downtown Decatur.

Silver Skillet 200 14th St NW (404) 874-1388
Black coffee, backslapping and country ham: the power breakfast—good ole boy-style—thrives in Midtown.

Thumbs Up Diner 573 Edgewood Ave SE (404) 223-0690
French toast, scrambled tofu and razor wire fences: a New Age diner does the urban pioneer gig on Edgewood Avenue.

BEST BURRITO

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Willy's Mexicana Grill**
4377 Roswell Rd NE (404) 252-2235
The college burrito joint graduates and gets serious.

Raging Burrito 1529 B Piedmont Ave (404) 885-9922
The college diet does junior year abroad.

Burrito Art 1259 Glenwood Ave (404) 627-4433
New World budget dinner: The hand held meal-in-one gets cross-cultural.

Tortillas 774 Ponce De Leon Ave (404) 892-0193
The granddaddy of the grunge econo-diet flirts with institution status.

El Myr Burrito Lounge 1091 Euclid Ave (404) 588-0250
Huge props to the meal-for-a-week, vegetarian-friendly burritos and deadly delicious margies.

BEST CHEAP EATS

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Eats** 600 Ponce De Leon Ave NE (404) 888-9149
Slacker Zagat says “dude!” the food’s “insane!”

Fellini's Pizza 2809 Peachtree Rd (404) 266-0082
Found art: American “pie” thrives in a service-station rehab.

Doc Chey's Noodle House 1424 N Highland Ave (404) 888-0777
Drive-thru-window-less Asian quickie stages a sit-in in the Highlands.

Tortillas 774 Ponce De Leon Ave (404) 892-0193
The granddaddy of the grunge econo-diet flirts with institution status.

Woodland Vegetarian Restaurant
1080 Oak Tree Rd, Decatur (404) 321-6005
Spicy and sublime hit the chow line, on never-never land's ugliest corner.

BEST CHEAP SEATS/FREE ART

Screen on the Green
The park goes dark with Atlanta's new favorite summertime tradition.

High Museum of Art, Folk Art and Photography Galleries
30 John Wesley Dobbs Ave NE (404) 733-4444
A free display of folk art and photos draws the art world downtown.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Dad's Garage Theatre Company**
280 Elizabeth St (404) 523-2144
Improv comedy, offbeat plays make for a rising star in Atlanta's theater scene.

ASO Summer Parks Concerts
Never mind the smog alerts. Atlanta welcomes summer with one of its favorite cultural traditions.

BEST CHINESE FOOD

Chin Chin Chinese Restaurant
699 Ponce De Leon Ave (404) 881-1511
New Year's Eve Chinese for the speed-dial set.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Little Szechuan** 5091-C Buford Hwy, Doraville (770) 451-0192
A little bit melting pot, a whole lot salad bowl, and spicy Chinese that's worth a drive.

Canton House 4825 Buford Hwy NE (770) 936-9030
The perfect place to show off your culinary street-smarts without accidentally ordering monkey brains.

Chopstix 4279 Roswell Rd (404) 255-4868
Hey! You got soy sauce on my sweetbreads!

First China Restaurant
5295 Buford Highway NE, Doraville (770) 457-6788
From the land of karaoke and plastic roses: Authentic Chinese thrives on Atlanta's craziest boulevard.

BEST COLLEGE BAR/CLUB

Moondogs 3179 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 231-4223
Careful, Mr. Bouncer, that license might be hot from the laminating machine.

Rocky Mountain Pizza Company
1005 Hemphill Ave NW (404) 876-8600
College-style fun-fun-fun has a bad pizza trip in the Rockies.

The Library 800 Marietta St NW (404) 874-5400
Chuck the books, kids—it's time for social studies.

Maggie's 2937 N Druid Hills Rd NE (404) 636-5300
Party central for the Emory crowd. Who wants a Jäger shot?

Famous Pub & Sports Palace
2947 N Druid Hills Rd NE (404) 633-3555
Dim lighting, smoky air, big-screen TVs, NFL Sunday Ticket: the true sports fan's paradise.



BEST COMFORT FOOD

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

The Colonnade 1879 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE (404) 874-5642
Grits, schmits: real Southern food, without the sideshow, on Midtown's seediest acres.

Our Way Cafe 2831 E College Ave, Decatur (404) 292-9356
Meat and three, sweet tea and a hardscrabble strip mall revival.

Greenwood's 1087 Green St, Roswell 770-992-5383
A meat-and-three-but-not-really gets groovy in lovely Roswell.

Busy Bee Cafe 810 Martin Luther King Jr Dr SW (404) 525-9212
Downhome exotica and standout standards fuel the buzz at this intown soul food classic.

Son's Place 100 Hurt St (404) 581-0530
Hoecakes. Collard greens. Sweet potato pie. The soul food standard still flies on DeKalb Avenue.

BEST CUP OF COFFEE

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Aurora Coffee 992 N Highland Ave NE (404) 892-7158
Turbo-bean indie stakes its claim in Atlanta's java-junkie turf wars.

San Francisco Coffee Roasting
1192 N Highland Ave NE (404) 876-8816
Pencil in your next coffee klatch at this Va-Hi favorite son.

Java Monkey 205 E Ponce De Leon Ave, Decatur (404) 378-5002
A little bit cybercafe, a little bit wine bar and a whole lot coffee-n-cake.

Apres Diem 931 Monroe Dr (404) 872-3333
The expatriate's cafe searches for its boulevard in the Midtown promenade.

Sacred Grounds Coffee 510 Flat Shoals Ave SE (404) 223-0089
The gospel according to Java meets the urban artifact, in scruffy East Atlanta.

BEST DANCE CLUB

Backstreet 845 Peachtree St NE (404) 873-1986
Legendary drag shows and all-night dancing mean you'll never be bored at this notorious nightclub.

MJQ Concourse 736 Ponce De Leon Ave NE (404) 870-0575
The young and the insomniac are regulars at this late-night party.

Riviera Club 1055 Peachtree St NE (404) 607-7277
Why stop at 4am? Here's where to go when the other clubs close.

Nomenclature Museum 44 12th St (404) 874-6344
Sinisterly hip: The abandoned house in the "Blair Witch Project" meets Andy Warhol's factory.

Club ESSO 489 Courtland St NE (404) 872-3776
One of the hottest, most fashionable hip-hop scenes in town.

BEST DAY SPA

Spa Sydell 3060 Peachtree Rd NW (404) 237-2505
Atlanta's first thought for spa services has five locations and one coveted burgundy

envelope.

Natural Body Spa & Shoppe
1402 N Highland Ave NE (404) 872-1039
With locations all over town, rejuvenation is right around the corner.

Jolie Day Spa 3619 Piedmont Rd (404) 266-0060
Get a quick beauty fix at Buckhead's easygoing spa and salon.

Dobel Salon and Spa 3365 Piedmont Rd (404) 264-1007
Where Atlanta's It crowd gets trimmed, waxed and sloughed.

Spa at Peachtree Center Athletic Club
227 Courtland St NE Fl 9 (404) 527-5443
Athletes and nine-to-fivers seek relief inside a bustling downtown gym.

BEST DAYTRIP

Dahlonega and NE Mountains 12345 Street Ave. 555-555-5555
A great getaway for scenic vistas and rustic digs, plus a helping of touristy kitsch.

Callaway Gardens Highway 27, Pine Mountain (706) 663-2281
Flora galore and much, much more.

North Georgia Premium Outlets
800 Hwy 400 S, Dawsonville (706) 216-3609
An upscale outlet mall? Believe it at this mecca for savvy shoppers.

Lake Lanier Islands 6950 Holiday Rd, Buford (800) 840-5253
If you're planning a weekend beach or boating trip—but not a drive to the coast—look to Lake Lanier.

Paradise Gardens and NW Mountains
84 Knox St, Summerville
A taste of the surreal with a side of the serene.

BEST DESSERT

The Cheesecake Factory 3024 Peachtree Rd NW (404) 816-2555
A great big gooey slice of the American Dream, extra whipped cream.

Cafe Intermezzo 1845 Peachtree Rd (404) 355-0411
Cornering the market on the cake and coffee crowd.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Alon's 1394 N Highland Ave (404) 872-6000
Hi, everyone. I'm _____. I eat double chocolate chunk cookies by the pound.

Paolo's Gelato Italiano 1025 Virginia Ave (404) 607-0055
Over-the-top confectionery playfulness with a "Little Shop of Horrors" spin.

Mondo 750 Huff Rd (404) 603-9995
Big, creamy portions of ultra-chic design, plus sandwiches and brownies at hip Westside.

BEST FAMILY OUTING

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Zoo Atlanta 800 Cherokee Ave SE (404) 624-5600
Panda-monium takes over Grant Park.

Six Flags Over Georgia 7561 Six Flags Pkwy, Austell (770) 948-9290
The place for breathtaking, lunch-losing thrill rides.

Stone Mountain Park PO Box 778, Stone Mountain (770) 498-5690
Whether you come for the touristy kitsch or the sportsman's paradise, you'll get a great view of Atlanta.

Turner Field 755 Hank Aaron Dr SE (404) 577-9100 or (404) 522-7630
The land of the anything-but-free and home of the Braves.

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BEST FIRST DATE

Martinis & IMAX 12345 Street Ave. 555-555-5555
Shaken, but not stirred, by the movies at the multiplex? Sour about happy hour? Fernbank has the tonic for your woes.

Whole World Theatre 1214 Spring St NW (404) 817-7529
Wickedly funny, sharply hip improv comedy.

Turner Field
755 Hank Aaron Dr SE (404) 577-9100 or (404) 522-7630
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Express Lanes 1936 Piedmont Cir NE (404) 874-5703
Low prices, round-the-clock hours, a retro lounge: Nothing in town tops these lanes.

BEST FREE ATTRACTION

Centennial Olympic Park
Techwood Dr and International Blvd (404) 223-4412
Tourist magnet attracts locals looking for a lunch-hour escape or free outdoor concert.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
This national park offers the city's best variety of hikes and, on a clear day, spectacular views.

Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site
450 Auburn Ave NE (404) 331-6922
The Civil Rights movement took its first steps at these sites.

Oakland Cemetery 248 Oakland Ave SE (404) 688-2107
The tombstones here offer the most authentic link to Atlanta's history.

Georgia State Capitol 100 Washington St (404) 656-2844
Learning about Georgia's rich past, present and future... one tour at a time.

BEST FRENCH RESTAURANT

Anis 2974 Grandview Ave (404) 233-9889
Warm Provençal charm mixes with hipster service and an unambitious menu at this romantic getaway in the heart of Buckhead.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Brasserie le Coze** 3393 Peachtree Rd (404) 266-1440
Ex-pat revival or jet-set sexy? This grand café at Lenox offers a little of both.

Babette's Cafe 573 N Highland Ave (404) 523-9121
This neighborhood charmer is Intown's romantic must-visit.

Soleil 3081 Maple Dr NE (404) 467-1790
Roasted chicken redux: Check savory, simple and very French when you come to the cottage on Maple Avenue.

BEST FRIES

Einstein's 1077 Juniper St (404) 876-7925
Midtown cocktail hour standard serves up sturdy bar chow and a Sunday brunch block party.

Gordon Biersch Brewery & Restaurant
848 Peachtree St (404) 870-0805
A West Coast import with more flair, and better fare, than most microbreweries.

The Local 758 Ponce de Leon Ave (404) 873-5002
Comfy hangout for Ponce's post-slacker crowd, and the area's midweek trivia destination.

Shipfeifer On Peachtree 1814 Peachtree Rd NW (404) 875-1106
Middle Eastern body, fast-food soul and the discovery that french fries really do taste better with feta cheese.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **The Earl** 488 Flat Shoals Ave SE (404) 522-3950
Post-punk pawnshop chic has a pint of Guinness and a burger.

BEST GAY BAR

Blake's 227 10th St NE (404) 892-5786
Follow that guy you've been eyeballing at Piedmont Park to his favorite fill-up station.

My Sister's Room 222 E Howard St, Decatur (404) 370-1990
Neighborhood hangout of choice for lesbians.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Backstreet** 845 Peachtree St NE (404) 873-1986
Legendary drag shows and all-night dancing mean you'll never be bored at this notorious nightclub.

Mary's 1287 Glenwood Ave (404) 624-4411
East Atlanta crowd catches the martini buzz at this laid-back hangout.

Hoedowns 931 Monroe Dr NE (404) 876-0001
Gay and lesbian honky-tonk in the middle of metropolitan.

Heretic 2069 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE (404) 325-3061
Gay meat market serving up prime USDA choice men.

BEST GOURMET STORE

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Harry's In A Hurry** 1051 Ponce De Leon Ave (404) 439-1100
Life after Webvan: It girls, e-boys crowd in for gourmet groceries and forbidden snacks.

EatZi's 3221 Peachtree Rd NW (404) 237-2266
A rowdy culinary theme park where everything's a point-of-purchase sale.

Your Dekalb Farmers Market
3000 E Ponce de Leon Ave (404) 377-6400
Truck market body, Dean & DeLuca soul and just enough wiggly stuff to keep the soccer moms away.

Star Provisions 1198 Howell Mill Rd (404) 365-0410
A Cracker Barrel gift shop for rich gourmands.

Whole Foods Market 2111 Briarcliff Rd NE (404) 634-7800
The revolution will not eat cheap caviar.

BEST HAMBURGER

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Vortex Bar & Grill** 438 Moreland Ave NE (404) 688-1828
Crazy-house cravings: trip-worthy burgers, bar chow spin round-and-round in Little Five.

The Varsity 61 North Ave (404) 881-1706
It's a meal that (urrrrrp) you won't soon forget.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Ann's Snack Bar** 1615 Memorial Dr (404) 687-9207
Hard-core burger quester? Memorial Drive is calling...

Rhea's Take Out Foods 1210 Canton St, Roswell (770) 992-8638
When a lot full of SUVs is a good thing: Home-style burgers draw a crowd in downtown Roswell.

The Earl 488 Flat Shoals Ave SE (404) 522-3950
Post-punk pawnshop chic has a pint of Guinness and a burger.



BEST HOME DECOR STORE

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Home Depot EXPO Design Center**
1201 Hammond Dr (770) 913-0111
Full-service interior design center: a home renovator's dream come true.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Dekor** 3535 Peachtree Rd (678) 420-6070
The love child of Target and Home Depot Expo has everything—including the kitchen sink.

By Design Furniture 1747 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE (404) 607-9098
Contemporary European furniture that winks "I'm so hip."

Urban Cottage 3211 Cains Hill Pl (404) 760-1334
Eclectic, provincial home furnishings give urban dwellings a countrified Queen Anne look.

Domus, The International Design Center
1919 Piedmont Rd NE (404) 872-1050
Unconventional imports that cost more than a first-class ticket to Italy.

BEST ICE CREAM

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Bruster's Old Fashioned Ice Cream**
3857 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 231-1195
Big, sweet and loaded with goodies: All-American ice cream brings paradise to a parking lot.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Jake's Ice Creams & Sorbets**
676 Highland Ave (404) 523-1830
This urban pioneer ice cream parlor is one part hippie tea room, one part opium den for the sweet-tooth set.

Paolo's Gelato Italiano 1025 Virginia Ave (404) 607-0055
Over-the-top confectionery playfulness with a "Little Shop of Horrors" spin.

Zesto Drive-In 544 Ponce De Leon Ave (404) 607-1118
Fast-food nostalgia has a Chubby Decker and some tater tots.

What's the Scoop 1402 N Highland Ave (404) 724-0444
Lovingly made artisan gelati and sorbets make this Morningside boutique a must-visit.

BEST ITALIAN FOOD

Sotto Sotto 313 N Highland Ave (404) 523-6678
Subdued style and authentic Italian ingredients roar (softly) in Inman Park.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Maggiano's Little Italy**
Voted Best Italian Food by Citysearch users!

La Grotta Ristorante Italiano 2637 Peachtree Rd (404) 231-1368
Veal chops, fresh pasta and retro chic.

Pricci 500 Pharr Rd NE (404) 237-2941
Cinematic stylings at Buckhead's Pricci: the food of "Big Night," the set of "Casino."

Fritti 311 N Highland Ave NE (404) 880-9559
Authentic Italian snacks for hip urbanites.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Terra Di Siena** 654 Peachtree St NE (404) 885-7505
White bean soup, side of Versace: New Wave Italian cooking brings high style to Midtown.

BEST JUKEBOX

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Righteous Room** 1051 Ponce De Leon Ave NE (404) 874-0939
A strip mall fat man's squeeze that happens to be the perfect bar.

Prince of Wales 1144 Piedmont Ave NE (404) 876-0227
Hearty English pub benefits from all of Midtown's charm—and none of its pretense.

Star Community Bar 437 Moreland Ave (404) 681-9018
Honky-tonk hipsters and mainstream rebels put 'em back at Atlanta's least pretentious bar.

Gravity Pub 1257 Glenwood Ave SE (404) 627-5555
Blue-collar pub pays the bills with East Atlanta's new money.

BEST KID-FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Chuck E. Cheese's**
2998 Hargrove Rd NW, Smyrna (770) 435-9036
Zagat Jr. says, "Wish we could've stayed longer" at this under-6 "hot spot" where "everybody's favorite mouse" "entertains, enlightens."

EDITORIAL WINNER! **The Varsity** 61 North Ave (404) 881-1706
North Avenue landmark serves up throwback fast food and neon-drenched Old Atlanta nostalgia.

Jalisco Mexican Restaurant 2337 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 233-9244
Mexican holiday: Buckhead's young heirs hit the proving ground.

BEST LANDMARK

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Fabulous Fox Theatre** 660 Peachtree St NE (404) 881-2100
A stunning backdrop for musicals, concerts, plays—even movies.

Stone Mountain Park PO Box 778, Stone Mountain (770) 498-5690
Whether you come for the touristy kitsch or the sportsman's paradise, you'll get a great view of Atlanta.

The Big Chicken (KFC) 12 Cobb Parkway N, Marietta (770) 422-4716
It's a bird! It's a KFC! It's an Atlanta landmark!

The Varsity 12345 Street Ave. 555-555-5555
North Avenue landmark serves up throwback fast food and neon-drenched Old Atlanta nostalgia.

Margaret Mitchell House & Museum
990 Peachtree St (404) 249-7015
Visit only if you give a damn about "Gone with the Wind."

BEST LATE-NIGHT DINING

Majestic Diner 1031 Ponce De Leon Ave (404) 875-0276
Where the weird things are: Funky Ponce gets grits and eggs round the clock at this local landmark.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **R. Thomas Deluxe Grill** 1812 Peachtree St (404) 881-0246
Peachtree Road eye-catcher mixes acid-test garden party style, crunchy New Age goodness and plain old burgers and bacon and eggs.

Landmark Diner 3652 Roswell Rd NW (404) 816-9090
Baked goods, hard liquor and a chicken parmigiana special—400 exits south of the L.I.E.

Atkins Park Restaurant 794 N Highland Ave (404) 876-7249
The still-sharp grandpa of Atlanta's bars.

The Highlander 931 Monroe Dr NE (404) 872-0060
Patty Melt Dreams for the tongue-piercing set.

BEST LOCAL MUSIC ACT

John Mayer
Eddie's Attic apprentice graduates to the world of record execs and adoring fans.



El Pus

A torrid blend of hip-hop, rock and punk (watch out Limp Bizkit).

Aerial

Atmospheric electronica that sets the mood in Midtown and East Atlanta.

Ultrababyfat

No local music infant, this female-fronted power-pop band keeps Atlanta rockin' hard.

Young Antiques

Rock and roll will never die. Just ask Atlanta's indie power trio.

BEST LUXURY HOTEL

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Ritz-Carlton Atlanta** 181 Peachtree St NE (404) 659-0400
Downtown palace where the famous people stay.

Four Seasons Hotel 75 14th St NE (404) 881-9898
The luxury hotel with the best address in town.

Ritz-Carlton Buckhead 3434 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 237-2700
The best name in hotels, the best neighborhood in Atlanta.

Swissotel Atlanta 3391 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 365-0065
Modish luxury well-suited for business travelers.

Grand Hyatt Atlanta 3300 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 365-8100
Four-star luxury, five-star address.

BEST MARGARITA

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Zocalo** 187 10th St (404) 249-7576
Midtown's sexiest cantina spices things up with sizzling chiles, top-shelf tequilas.

Gecko Lounge 1035 N Highland Ave (404) 873-4449
Lounge lizards get stuck on top-shelf tequila and cozy confines.

Nava 3060 Peachtree Rd, Ste 160 (404) 240-1984
High Southwestern: Modern hacienda cuisine, stylish decor sizzle at Atlanta's hottest crossroads.

Gringos' 1238 Dekalb Ave NE (404) 522-8666
Clay-mation cantina on the Avenue crafts mean, authentic 'ritas, quirky Tex-Mex.

Noche 1000 Virginia Ave NE (404) 815-9155
Style triumphs, but the food's gone south(western).

BEST MARTINI

Highland Tap 1026 N Highland Ave NE (404) 875-3673
Steaks and singles meat and greet.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Martini Club** 1140 Crescent Ave (404) 873-0794
A jewel box of martini consumption, containing 101 dazzling and dizzying varieties of martinis.

BluePointe 3455 Peachtree Rd (404) 237-9070
A living piece of sculpture sends a culinary love note to the Orient.

Beluga Martini Bar 3115 Piedmont Rd NE, #B101 (404) 869-1090
Buckhead hideaway mixes great martinis for midlife minglers.

Tap Room 231 Peachtree St NE (404) 577-7860
Drinks straight up, food on the rocks at this downtown institution wannabe.

BEST MEAL TO CLOSE THE DEAL

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Chops** 70 W Paces Ferry Rd (404) 262-2675
Prime beef, prime amenities, prime location: Top-shelf steakhouse plays to win in the competitive Buckhead beefsteak game.

South City Kitchen 1144 Crescent Ave NE (404) 873-7358
A gilded temple to the New South, where the younger set comes to divvy up the spoils.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **City Grill** 50 Hurt Plz SE Ste 200 (404) 524-2489
The South rises again, this time with hanger steaks and organic strawberries.

Prime 3393 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 812-0555
Food court for the gold card crowd.

Mumbo Jumbo Bar/Grill 89 Park Pl NE (404) 523-0330
Count Dracula, creamy design and really good gnocchi. Or, how cottage cuisine eats in a club.

BEST MEN'S CLOTHING

Clothing Warehouse 1146 Euclid Ave NE (404) 524-5070
The first stop on the hunt for old Levi's and vintage T-shirts.

H. Stockton 3393 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 233-1608
Board meeting or clubhouse—classic threads for Atlanta's good ol' boys.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Brooks Brothers**
Voted Best Men's Clothing by Citysearch users!

Bill Hallman Designs 792 N Highland Ave (404) 876-6055
A chichi shirt, a cool pair of jeans, killer shades... you're ready for the town (and you're not broke).

Andrew 1545 Peachtree St Ste 100 (404) 607-1747
High style, high prices: For suits and play clothes, the Atlanta cosmopolite's choice for fashion.

The Rogue 284 Buckhead Ave NE (404) 233-2245
Style-conscious men have long relied on this Buckhead classic for designer labels.

BEST MEXICAN FOOD

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Nuevo Laredo Cantina**
1495 Chattahoochee Ave NW (404) 352-9009
Got the cheese dip jones but don't feel like joining the office party/margie drink-a-thon?

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Zocalo** 187 10th St (404) 249-7576
Midtown's sexiest cantina spices things up with sizzling chiles, top-shelf tequilas.

Taqueria Del Sol 1200-B Howell Mill Rd (404) 352-5811
Serious south-of-the-border flavors shine in edgy urban digs.

Oh...Maria! 3167 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 261-2032
Epcot Mexico, stylishly so, plus serious tequila and authentic flavors.

Los Rayos Taqueria 3290 W Hospital Ave, Chamblee (770) 936-9278
No to hard corn tacos and queso—yes to toasting chiles, scary meat and fast food like you've never had it.

BEST MUSEUM

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Fernbank Museum of Natural History**
767 Clifton Rd NE (404) 929-6300
The natural high of Atlanta's museums.



Michael C Carlos Museum 571 S Kilgo St (404) 727-4282
Nice digs—a modern palace of ancient art.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **High Museum of Art** 1280 Peachtree St (404) 733-4444
Atlanta's masterpiece in the fine arts.

Atlanta History Center 130 W Paces Ferry Rd (404) 814-4000
A good mix of the new and old makes for a contemporary, and compelling, take on Atlanta's history.

William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum
1440 Spring St (404) 873-1661
A temple of local history and enlightening walk into humanity's darkest chapter.

BEST NEIGHBORHOOD FOR NIGHTLIFE

Midtown Peachtree St
If downtown is the heart of Atlanta, then Midtown, with its vibrant arts and nightlife, is its soul.

Virginia-Highland
For a low-key Tuesday happy hour or a hard-charging Saturday night, this is the place to go.

Buckhead Peachtree Rd and E Paces Ferry Rd
Bourbon Street: The Buckhead of New Orleans.

East Atlanta Flat Shoals Ave
Quirky little neighborhood that might be the next Virginia-Highland.

Little Five Points Moreland Ave and Euclid Ave
No-pretense music clubs and shady dives make Little Five a great break-out-of-your-rut destination.

BEST OFFBEAT FINDS

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Junkman's Daughter**
464 Moreland Ave NE (404) 577-3188
Atlanta's first choice for quirky gifts and funky fashions.

Richard's Variety Store 2347 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 237-1412
Antique cabinets and air filters on the same aisle? Only at Atlanta's signature five-and-dime store.

Lucky Devil 1158 Euclid Ave NE (404) 681-5825
The glam rock rags, flame-emblazoned chairs and pop culture oddities are sinfully fun.

20th Century Antiques 1044 N Highland Ave NE (404) 892-2065
A century of classy domestic décor crowds this Virginia-Highland shop.

Ichiyo Art Center 432 E Paces Ferry Rd (404) 233-1846
Dive into Japanese culture without leaving Buckhead.

BEST OUTDOOR BAR

Neighbor's Pub 752 N Highland Ave NE (404) 872-5440
Summer nights in Atlanta: Braves games, smog alerts, packed house at Neighbor's.

Park Tavern 500 10th St NE (404) 249-0001
Nine-layer bean dip, Old World Pilsner and a view to die for.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Front Page News** 1104 Crescent Ave NE (404) 897-3500
Booming Big Easy-style bar scene (and a serious Sunday brunch) grab headlines on Crescent Avenue.

Three Dollar Cafe 3002 Peachtree Rd NW (404) 266-8667
This Peachtree staple makes a good case for two top distinctions: Buckhead's best sports bar and best deck.

Treehouse Restaurant & Pub 7 Kings Cir NE (404) 266-2732
The most charming bar north of Virginia-Highland could be the coziest watering hole in town.

BEST OUTDOOR DINING

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **Einstein's** 1077 Juniper St (404) 876-7925
Midtown cocktail hour standard serves up sturdy bar chow and a Sunday brunch block party.

Fellini's Pizza 2809 Peachtree Rd (404) 266-0082
Found art: American "pie" thrives in a service-station rehab.

Canoe 4199 Paces Ferry Rd (770) 432-2663
Tony lodging: The hippest fish camp in the lower 48 meets the oak-roasted duck breast.

The Patio 1029 Edgewood Ave NE (404) 584-8945
The ideal spot for the sleepy-Sunday-supper-with-a-great-big-bottle-of-red-wine routine. Just don't come expecting visions.

Dish 870 N Highland Ave NE (404) 897-3463
Va-hi's postmodern fluff maven sips at maturity.

BEST OUTDOOR GEAR

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Galyan's** 3535 Peachtree Rd (404) 267-0200
Recreational nirvana: This monolithic store boasts more than 120,000 square feet of sports and outdoor gear.

REI 1800 NE Expressway (404) 633-6508
This sporting goods superstore will inspire you to rappel down cliffs, scramble up summits and trek across mountains.

High Country Outfitters 3906 Roswell Rd NE (404) 814-0999
Atlanta's summit of outdoor gear.

Mountain Ventures & Outfitters 453 Moreland Ave (404) 584-9305
Where serious outdoor junkies gear up for mountain excursions.

Go With the Flow 4 Elizabeth Way, Roswell (770) 992-3200
Paddle buffs rejoice: an outdoors store with gills.

BEST PARK

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Piedmont Park** Piedmont Ave NE and 14th St
Atlanta's answer to Central Park is the top sunny day destination for intown residents.

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area
1978 Island Ford Pkwy (770) 399-8070
The easiest place to find wilderness in the city (besides Little Five Points).

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr NW, Kennesaw (770) 427-4686
This national park offers the city's best variety of hikes and, on a clear day, spectacular views.

Grant Park Corner of Berne St and Boulevard
This neighborhood favorite is a great spot for families and offers the most diverse park terrain in the city.

Chastain Memorial Park 135 W Wieuca Rd
Where Buckhead sweats out its hangover.



BEST PERFORMING ARTS GROUP OR VENUE

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Fabulous Fox Theatre**
Voted Best Performing Arts Group or Venue by Citysearch users!

Georgia Shakespeare Festival
4484 Peachtree Rd NE (404)264-0020
The Bard would be proud of this summer tradition.

Alliance Theatre 1280 Peachtree St NE (404) 733-5000
Going to "the theater" in Atlanta means going to the Alliance.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**
1293 Peachtree St. NE Ste 300 (404) 733-4900
This rising orchestra flourishes despite a game of musical chairs at the top.

Atlanta Ballet 1400 W Peachtree St (404) 873-5811
Visionary dance troupe looks great for its age.

Atlanta Opera 728 W Peachtree St NW (404) 881-8801
Bravo! This opera troupe succeeds at making a stodgy art form relevant.

BEST PIZZA

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Mellow Mushroom Pizza**
1679 Lavista Rd NE (404) 325-0330
"Gourmet specialty pizza" in a Jane's Addiction T-shirt and combat boots.

Fellini's Pizza 2809 Peachtree Rd (404) 266-0082
Found art: American "pie" thrives in a service-station rehab.

Oz Pizza 309 E College Ave, Decatur (404) 373-0110
A grungy, hand-tended indie that has staked out its turf one slice at a time.

CK's Woodgrilled Pizza
3375 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Norcross (770) 441-1254
The wheel, reinvented: Novel take on America's favorite food hits it big on Holcomb-Bridge.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Cameli's Gourmet Pizza Joint**
699 Ponce De Leon Ave, NE Ste 12 (404) 249-9020
Corner pizza joint goes for the bombed-out look on Ponce.

BEST PLACE TO BE ON YOUR WORST BEHAVIOR

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Backstreet** 845 Peachtree St NE (404) 873-1986
Legendary drag shows and all-night dancing mean you'll never be bored at this notorious nightclub.

Clermont Lounge 789 Ponce De Leon Ave NE (404) 874-4783
Not a strip joint—a joint with strippers.

BAR 250 E Paces Ferry Rd NE (404) 841-0033
THE dance-on-the-tables, pour-the-tequila-down-my-throat destination.

Mako's 3065 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 846-8096
A thick, juicy slice of Cancun right in the heart of Buckhead.

World Bar 3071 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 266-0627
This meat market's about as international as a House of Pancakes.

BEST PLACE TO BIKE

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Silver Comet Trail**
Begins at 4573 Mavell Rd SE, Smyrna (404) 875-7284
Family bike ride through the 'burbs or Tour de North Georgia? You make the call.

PATH Atlanta-Stone Mountain Trail
From Georgia Tech east to Stone Mountain (404) 875-7284
Main Street, Atlanta for local urbanites who like to bike.

Sope Creek Trail
This popular biking destination is the best place for a quick ride during lunch or after work.

Yellow River Trail Stone Mountain
Casual family excursion or challenging thrill ride? The best bike trail close to town offers both.

Clayton International Park (Trails at the Beach) Stockbridge
With trails for all skill levels, it's one of the best-kept secrets in Atlanta mountain biking.

BEST PLACE TO CATCH THE NEXT BIG THING

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Smith's Olde Bar** 1580 Piedmont Rd (404) 875-1522
Go for the bands; go for the bar. This Midtown hangout is every local's olde friend.

Eddie's Attic 515 N McDonough St, Decatur (404) 377-4976
The nerve center of Atlanta's acoustic scene.

Echo Lounge 551 Flat Shoals Ave SE (404) 681-3600
An edgy, avant-garde essential to any East Atlanta evening.

The Earl 488 Flat Shoals Ave SE (404) 522-3950
The walls are worn, the music's good and the amount you drink trumps the size of your wallet.

Star Community Bar 437 Moreland Ave (404) 681-9018
Honky-tonk hipsters and mainstream rebels put 'em back at Atlanta's least pretentious bar.

BEST PLACE TO HEAR LIVE MUSIC

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Tabernacle** 152 Luckie St N W (404) 659-9022
Kid Rock to Willie Nelson: the mother church of Atlanta concerts sees all.

Fabulous Fox Theatre 660 Peachtree St NE (404) 881-2100
A stunning backdrop for musicals, concerts, plays—even movies.

Variety Playhouse 1099 Euclid Ave (404) 521-1786
This arthouse-style theater is home to critics' darlings and cult faves.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Earthlink Live** 1374 W Peachtree St (404) 872-6622
Once down-and-out music club makes a comeback with intimate stage, familiar acts.

Roxy Theatre 3110 Roswell Rd (404) 233-7699
Forget the music. The walls alone are worth a trip to this music hall.

BEST PLACE TO HIKE

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Stone Mountain Park**
PO Box 778, Stone Mountain (770) 498-5690
Whether you come for the touristy kitsch or the sportsman's paradise, you'll get a great view of Atlanta.

Red Top Mountain State Park
31 Red Top Mountain Rd SE, Cartersville (770) 975-4227
Deer country safari: Rough it family-style in the suburbs' wild frontier.

Sweetwater Creek State Conservation Park
1826 Mount Vernon Rd, Lithia Springs (770) 732-5871
Historic haven for outdoorsmen just beyond Six Flags' hazy suburban domain.



EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr NW, Kennesaw (770) 427-4686

This national park offers the city's best variety of hikes and, on a clear day, spectacular views.

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area

1978 Island Ford Pkwy (770) 399-8070

The easiest place to find wilderness in the city (besides Little Five Points).

BEST PLACE TO JUST GET A BEER

Euclid Avenue Yacht Club 1136 Euclid Ave NE (404) 688-2582

Little Five's neighborhood dive.

North Highland Pub 469 N Highland Ave NE (404) 522-4600

Plenty of Highlands charm, without the Highlands crowds.

Brick Store Pub 125 E Court Sq, Decatur (404) 687-0990

The perfect after-work haven for Decaturites, a fun field trip for everybody else.

Universal Joint 906 Oakview Rd, Decatur (404) 373-6260

Fill 'er up at this funky-friendly neighborhood joint (that is, if you can find it).

The Flatiron 520 Flat Shoals Ave SE (404) 688-8864

Burned-out civic cornerstone, magically transformed into a near-perfect urban local.

BEST PLACE TO SEE AND BE SEEN

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

eleven50 1150-B Peachtree St (404) 874-0428

Atlanta's hot club of the moment makes a swanky home for itself in a refurbished theater.

Karma 79 Poplar St NW (404) 577-6967

Part New York nightclub, part Indian palace.

Cherry 1051 W Peachtree St (404) 872-2020

Plenty of flava, not much flavor—how the club scene does cuisine in Midtown.

Shark Bar & Restaurant 571 Peachtree St NE (404) 815-8333

Where Atlanta's slick urban crowd swims.

Spice 793 Juniper St (404) 875-4242

Contemporary with a capital "K," and a sweet tooth the size of Nebraska.

BEST PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

White Columns Golf Club

300 White Columns Dr, Alpharetta (770) 343-9025

Spiffy, time-efficient Fazio course that punishes the meek and rewards the confident putter.

The Frog at the Georgian Resort

1900 Georgian Pkwy, Villa Rica (770) 459-4400

Immaculately kept public course with private club amenities.

Windermere Golf Club 5000 Davis Love Dr, Cumming (678) 513-1000

This youthful course, filled with hills, hazards and construction sites, has yet to realize its full potential.

Cobblestone Golf Course

4200 Nance Rd NW, Acworth (770) 917-5151

You'll definitely get your money's worth hacking around this Cobb County treasure.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Woodmont Golf & Country Club

241 Curtis Rd, Canton (770) 345-9140

Atlanta's new hacker's haven is worth the long drive.

BEST RADIO DJ

Steve Craig

This local celebrity has changed the face of Atlanta's music scene... it's his pleasure.

Mara Davis

Anyone who makes a living out to lunch is made for radio.

Moby in the Morning

This good ol' boy keeps country music lovers chuckling on the way to work.

Ryan Cameron

His raw wit, practical jokes and silly skits keep hip-hop fans in stitches every weekday morning.

Frank Ski

His big personality helps V-103 remain Atlanta's most listened to radio station.

BEST RADIO MORNING SHOW

The Morning X with Barnes, Leslie and Jimmy

Atlanta's new rock purveyors keep 99.7 warm in the morning.

The Regular Guys

Who needs Howard Stern? 96 Rock's morning jocks know how to shock.

Steve & Vikki Morning Show

Morning radio's nice guys.

Ryan Cameron Morning Show

The hottest thing to hit the morning commute since the HOV lane.

Frank Ski Morning Show

Counseling comes free with the tunes on V-103's morning show.

BEST RECORD/CD STORE

Wax N Facts 432 Moreland Ave NE (404) 525-2275

Ready for your music lesson? Rummage through heaps of used discs and vinyl at this Atlanta treasure.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Criminal Records 466 Moreland Ave NE (404) 215-9511

Smooth magazines, rare posters, cool people and a diverse collection of CDs.

Earwax Records 1052 Peachtree St NE (404) 875-5600

This Midtown record reserve has a groovy urban vibe and curious collection.

Corner Compact Disc 1048 N Highland Ave (404) 875-3087

What may be the city's most popular music store gets local flavor right.

Wuxtry 2096 N Decatur Rd, Decatur (404) 329-0020

Unpredictable selections at a couple bucks less than you'd pay anywhere else.

BEST RESTAURANT IN THE 'BURBS

Hi Life Kitchen & Cocktails

3380 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Norcross (770) 409-0101

Goofy grows up, or how to get serious with New American food.

Van Gogh's 70 W Crossville Rd, Roswell (770) 993-1156

Senior statesman in the "Why drive to Buckhead?" culinary movement.

Dick and Harry's

1570 Holcomb Bridge Rd No 810, Roswell (770) 641-8757

Bison and bok choy meet the red-skinned potato, on commuter country's grand avenue.



EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Oscar's 3725 Main St, College Park (404) 766-9688
Hip but slightly drowsy—it's Bold American Food with good manners.

Asher 1085 Canton St, Roswell (770) 650-9838
A little bit of tea room, a whole lot of foie gras, in lovely downtown Roswell.

BEST RESTAURANT TO BLOW A BUNDLE

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Bacchanalia 1198 Howell Mill Rd (404) 365-0410
A high-toned temple to The Good Meal—gracious, inspiring, ever fine.

Bone's 3130 Piedmont Rd (404) 237-2663
Prime beef, premium booze for the Charlie Croker set.

Pano's & Paul's 1232 W Paces Ferry Rd (404) 261-3662
Smart for its age: Atlanta's "the" place still is.

BluePointe 3455 Peachtree Rd (404) 237-9070
A living piece of sculpture sends a culinary love note to the Orient.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Seeger's 111 W Paces Ferry Rd (404) 846-9779
Postmodernism, truffled Vacherin and two hours of shivering delight, in the heart of Buckhead.

BEST ROMANTIC BAR

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Bar at the Ritz-Carlton Buckhead
3434 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 237-2700
Rub elbows with the upper crust at this timelessly elegant lounge.

Martini Club 1140 Crescent Ave (404) 873-0794
A jewel box of martini consumption, containing 101 dazzling and dizzying varieties of martinis.

Goldfinger 3081 E Shadowlawn Ave (404) 627-8464
Buckhead lounge lizards debauch in true 007 style at this swanky club.

Churchill Grounds 660 Peachtree St NE (404) 876-3030
Sophisticated vibe and cool tunes make this Atlanta's premier jazz club.

Karma 79 Poplar St NW (404) 577-6967
Part New York nightclub, part Indian palace.

BEST ROMANTIC HOTEL

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Chateau Elan Winery & Resort
100 Rue Charlemagne, Braselton (678) 425-0900
Posh (but not prissy) escape to golf, spa pampering, wining, dining and amour.

The Georgian Terrace 659 Peachtree St (404) 897-1991
Beautiful mix of the contemporary and historic in a restored 1911 landmark.

Ritz-Carlton Buckhead 3434 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 237-2700
The best name in hotels, the best neighborhood in Atlanta.

Westin Peachtree Plaza 210 Peachtree St NW (404) 659-1400
Peachtree's tallest branch affords plush rooms and great views.

BEST ROMANTIC RESTAURANT

Anis 2974 Grandview Ave (404) 233-9889
Warm Provencal charm mixes with hipster service and an unambitious menu at this romantic getaway in the heart of Buckhead.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Dante's Down the Hatch
Voted Best Romantic Restaurant by Citysearch users!

Babette's Cafe 573 N Highland Ave (404) 523-9121
This neighborhood charmer is Intown's romantic must-visit.

Pano's & Paul's 1232 W Paces Ferry Rd (404) 261-3662
Smart for its age: Atlanta's "the" place still is.

The Patio 1029 Edgewood Ave NE (404) 584-8945
The ideal spot for the sleepy-Sunday-supper-with-a-great-big-bottle-of-red-wine routine. Just don't come expecting visions.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

The Supper Club
308 W Ponce De Leon Ave, Decatur (404) 370-1207
Dimmer-switch romance, dinner-party charm, off the beaten path in Decatur.

BEST SANDWICH

Jaqbo 1093 Hemphill Ave NW (404) 873-1272
Industrial-strength bakery sunlights as a lunch spot in suddenly happenin' West Midtown.

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

The New Yorker Marketplace and Delicatessen
322 Pharr Rd NE (404) 240-0260
The culinary mainstay of a suburban New York upbringing (that's Big Ass Roast Beef to you, smart guy).

Henri's Bakery 61 Irby Ave NW (404) 237-0202
Old School Buckhead favorite draws a loyal crowd with throwback sandwiches and pastries.

Goldberg's Bagel Company & Deli
4383 Roswell Rd (404) 256-3751
Whitefish, knishes and a mean bologna on rye: Old-school deli hits it big in Buckhead.

The Bread Market 1937 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 352-5252
Made-to-order gourmet sandwiches, homemade desserts and freshly-baked breads draw a crowd by Piedmont Hospital.

BEST SEAFOOD

EDITORIAL
and
AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Atlanta Fish Market 265 Pharr Rd (404) 262-3165
The fish you can't—and shouldn't—miss in the heart of Atlanta's enchanted kingdom.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant
600 Ashwood Pkwy, Dunwoody (770) 399-9900
No fish story: This corporate restaurant is a hot catch.

Fishbone Piranha Bar 1874 Peachtree Rd (404) 367-4772
Stylish nautical kitsch, and a fresh catch that is, in South Buckhead.

Goldfish 4400 Ashford-Dunwoody Rd (770) 671-0100
Now playing in Peoria: Fishhouse stylings make a splash in the 'Burbs.

Jim White's Half Shell Restaurant
2349 Peachtree Rd (404) 237-9924
Not getting down to the Gulf this summer? Here's all the old-school nautical chic you can handle.

BEST SHOE STORE

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Nordstrom 4390 Ashford Dunwoody Rd NE (770) 394-1141
Legendary service, shoes to die for and fashion-forward merchandise keep shoppers returning.



Abbadabba's 421 Moreland Ave (404) 588-9577

The original purveyor of cushy footwear is also one of the coolest collections of shoes for men and women.

Bennie's Shoes 2581 Piedmont Rd NE (404) 262-1966

Dress classics to sneakers, all for a few bucks less at every man's favorite shoe store.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Shoemakers Warehouse**

500 Amsterdam Ave (404) 881-9301

A bounty of bliss: The exceptional range of shoes makes up for crowded aisles of confusion.

Friedman's Shoe Stores 209 Mitchell St (404) 524-1311

Downtown's landmark services Don King's shopping sprees as well as the average person's budget.

BEST SHOPPING AREA

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Lenox Square Mall** 3393 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 233-6767

Atlanta's signature mall is a tourist attraction and a local's Saturday hangout.

North Georgia Premium Outlets

800 Hwy 400 S, Dawsonville (706) 216-3609

An upscale outlet mall? Believe it at this mecca for savvy shoppers.

Virginia-Highland 12345 Street Ave. 555-555-5555

It's Atlanta's most popular shopping district for 34 reasons.

Little Five Points Surrounding the intersection of Moreland and Euclid Aves Shopping central for grunge gods and vintage scavengers.

Phipps Plaza 3500 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 261-7910

Sophisticated shoppers give their credit cards a workout at these high-end specialty shops.

BEST SINGLES SCENE

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Dark Horse Tavern** 816 N Highland Ave NE (404) 873-3607

Atlanta's trademark young-professional meat market.

Cosmopolitan 45 13th St (404) 873-6189

Beautiful, welcoming bar with great drinks offset by higher prices and superficial clientele.

The Tavern at Phipps 3500 Peachtree Rd (404) 814-9640

Phipps' see-and-be-seen spot satisfies more than one kind of appetite.

Buckhead Saloon 3107 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 261-7922

Never a more descriptive title (besides "The White Album").

Club 112 2329 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE (404) 261-0155

Phat rhythms, a sweaty mood and a whole lot of singles.

BEST SPORTS BAR

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Jocks & Jills Midtown** 112 10th St NE (404) 873-5405

When you say "sports bar" in Atlanta, you think Jocks & Jills.

ESPN Zone 3030 Peachtree Rd (404) 682-3776

Disney World meets the sports bar.

Three Dollar Cafe 3002 Peachtree Rd NW (404) 266-8667

This Peachtree staple makes a good case for two top distinctions: Buckhead's best sports bar and best deck.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Famous Pub & Sports Palace**

2947 N Druid Hills Rd NE (404) 633-3555

Dim lighting, smoky air, big-screen TVs, NFL Sunday Ticket: the true sports fan's paradise.

Sidelines Grille 2359 Windy Hill Rd SE, Marietta (770) 226-0111

Where the northside's sports nuts watch The Game.

BEST STEAK

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Ruth's Chris Steak House**

950 E Paces Ferry Rd NE (404) 365-0660

Crescent City surf & turf: The jet set tucks in to serious steaks, deep-fried mud-bugs.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Bone's** 3130 Piedmont Rd (404) 237-2663

Prime beef, premium booze for the Charlie Croker set.

Chops 70 W Paces Ferry Rd (404) 262-2675

Prime beef, prime amenities, prime location: Top-shelf steakhouse plays to win in the competitive Buckhead beefsteak game.

Morton's of Chicago 3379 Peachtree Rd NE Ste 101 (404) 816-6535

Two bills worth of beefsteak and taters, at anywhere's favorite steakhouse.

Killer Creek Chop House 1700 Mansell Rd, Alpharetta (770) 649-0064

Sizzler Moderne: Frank Lloyd Wright for the big cigar set.

BEST SUSHI

AUDIENCE WINNER! **RuSan's** 1529 Piedmont Rd NE (404) 875-7042

Biggie-sized culinary exotica, extra ponzu.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Soto Japanese Restaurant**

3330 Piedmont Rd NE (404) 233-2005

Masterwork sushi, on the beaten-path's dingiest corner.

Nickiemoto's Midtown 990 Piedmont Ave NE (404) 253-2010

Dance-hall sensibilities, eye-candy for days and Atlanta's coolest sushi bar.

Nakato Japanese Restaurant

1776 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE (404) 873-6582

A temple of serenity (and the insider's favorite for sushi) on the seediest four lanes in Atlanta.

Prime 3393 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 812-0555

Food court for the gold card crowd.

BEST TAKEOUT FOOD

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! **EatZi's**

3221 Peachtree Rd NW (404) 237-2266

A rowdy culinary theme park where everything's a point-of-purchase sale.

Harry's In A Hurry 1051 Ponce De Leon Ave (404) 439-1100

Life after Webvan: It girls, e-boys crowd in for gourmet groceries and forbidden snacks.

The New Yorker Marketplace and Delicatessen

322 Pharr Rd NE (404) 240-0260

The culinary mainstay of a suburban New York upbringing (that's Big Ass Roast Beef to you, smart guy).

Happy Herman's 2299 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE (404)321-3012

Awkwardly situated retro food shop scores for the lunch and picnic crowds.

Souper Jenny 56 E Andrews Dr NW (404) 239-9023

Mud mask rejuvenation for the tummy.



BEST THAI FOOD

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Surin of Thailand** 810 N Highland Ave NE (404) 892-7789
Inevitably busy Virginia-Highland landmark makes a living with dressed up turn-and-burn Thai.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Tamarind Thai Restaurant** 80 14th St NW (404) 873-4888
This Midtown gem is sublimely simple, approachably authentic.

Thai Chili 2169 Briarcliff Rd (404) 315-6750
Minor miracle: strip mall Thai preaches the gospel of flavor.

Pad Thai Restaurant 1021 Virginia Ave NE (404) 892-2070
Rough-edged Thai food plus a modest take on the Haight, \$5 parking included.

Jitlada 2329-C Cheshire Bridge Rd NE (404) 728-9040
Mainstream Thai plays dress-up in a dingy corner of the Tara shopping plaza.

BEST VEGETARIAN FOOD

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Cafe Sunflower** 2140 Peachtree Rd Ste 105 (404) 352-8859
The global village veg-es out in Buckhead.

Soul Vegetarian 652 N Highland Ave NE (404) 875-4641
Soul Food wrestles Jehovah in Poncey-Highland.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Woodland Vegetarian Restaurant**
1080 Oak Tree Rd, Decatur (404) 321-6005
Spicy and sublime hit the chow line, on never-never land's ugliest corner.

Harmony Vegetarian Restaurant
4897 Buford Hwy, Ste 109, Chamblee (770) 457-7288
Tastes like chicken: Soy protein fizzles, real veggies star at this Buford Highway classic.

BEST VINTAGE CLOTHING

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Frock of Ages** 1653 McLendon Ave NE (404) 370-1006
Your elegant great-aunt's finest frocks hang in this Candler Park vintage boutique.

Psycho Sisters 428 Moreland Ave NE (404) 523-0100
Guys and gals score insane deals on disco groovy duds and current mall trends.

Stefan's Vintage Clothing 1160 Euclid Ave NE (404) 688-4929
LSP vintage nook that could double as Winona Ryder's closet.

Groovy Girls Clothing Exchange
211 Moreland Ave NE (404) 659-3669
Odd little secondhand store carries it all, from the hip to the hippie to the "huh?"

Dressing Room 504 Flat Shoals Ave SE (404) 584-2200
Throwback togs for East Atlanta's retro hip.

BEST WOMEN'S CLOTHING

Mitzi and Romano 1038 N Highland Ave (404) 876-7228
Va-Hi shopping spree must keeps the latest fashion mag styles in stock.

Rexer-Parkes Brookwood Square (404) 351-3080
Bring tissues, girls—you'll drool over the season's hottest items.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Sushi Clothing Company**
424 Moreland Ave NE (404) 522-1010
Shop for threads at Bill Hallman's sister store, and you can still afford those steep Midtown covers.

Luna 3167 Peachtree Rd NE (404) 233-5344
Spend-happy shoppirls bet their paycheck on this trendy Buckhead boutique.

PEKE, a mode of living 1039 N Highland Ave (404) 873-0444
Where style savvy locals and in-the-know visitors go for exclusive fashions.



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