

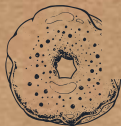


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FAMILY FRIENDLY
FIELD GUIDE

DOTHAN

ALABAMA

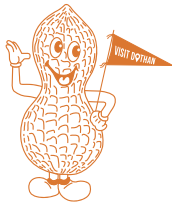


VISIT **D**OTHAN



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FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN IN THE CIRCLE CITY

Dothan embodies the charm of a small town while offering the vibrancy and excitement of a big city. Families and children will discover endless opportunities for fun in Dothan, whether they're here for a brief stay or an extended visit. Despite being one of Alabama's largest cities, Dothan retains a warm, welcoming atmosphere, thanks to the genuine Southern hospitality of its residents.



MORE INFO

EATS AND TREATS

RED ELEPHANT PIZZA AND GRILL

Lively, family-friendly spot for grilled American entrees and standards like pizza, burgers, pasta & wings

HANGAR 38

Let the good times roll with bowling, arcade games, & more while enjoying an extensive kids menu & sports bar

MAMA ROSA'S

Stop by either Dothan or Headland locations for delicious handmade pizza, pasta, subs, and more

METRO DINER

Diner chain serving classic American breakfast and lunch fare in a warm atmosphere

BEEF 'O' BRADYS

Pub chain for the whole family, with Irish-inflected grub, plus TVs & sports memorabilia

CICI'S PIZZA

Italian chain offering buffets with an array of specialty pizzas, plus simple pastas & salads



FAZOLI'S

Fast-food chain doling out baked pastas, subs, pizza and other casual Italian fare plus custom combos



IHOP

Long-standing chain serving a wide variety of pancakes & other American breakfast & diner fare



GOLDFINGERS

Dine-in or drive-thru for classic chicken fingers and sweet tea, see why "It's not just good- it's golden"

SHUTE PECAN

Fourth generation owned offering an extensive selection of nuts, pecans, jellies, & gifts

GUTHRIE'S

Long-running chain serving fried chicken fingers, salads & southern-style sweet tea

COLD STONE CREAMERY

Ice cream chain offering design-your-own creations hand-mixed on a granite slab, plus shakes and more

BASKIN-ROBBINS

Colorful ice cream parlor chain known for its many flavors plus sorbet & yogurt

NUTS TO GO

A local staple with a large variety of quality nuts, gourmet confections, and handcrafted chocolates

DESSERTS BY JOLANDO

Locally owned bakery specializing in old-fashioned cakes and desserts, just like grandma used to make

MARTIN DRUGSTORE (LANDMARK PARK)

Indulge in handmade milkshakes, floats, & more in Landmark Park's old-school replica community drug store

SWEET & SASSY

The tastiest local cookies and cupcakes around, best enjoyed while browsing the boutique & gift shop

CRUMBL COOKIE

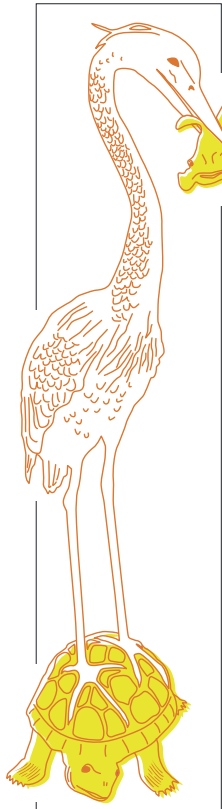
With a weekly rotating menu of 275+ specialty flavors you are sure to find a new favorite

LOYLESS DONUTS

You know it's good when donuts are sold out daily- so get there early and bring your sweet tooth

ART, MUSEUMS, & PEANUTS

The Wiregrass Museum of Art offers a diverse range of artistic experiences for visitors. Featuring both local and renowned artworks, the museum provides opportunities for exploration and engagement for all ages. With exhibits ranging from contemporary to historical, guests can immerse themselves in various forms of creativity.



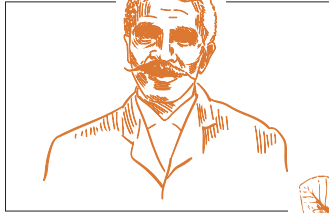
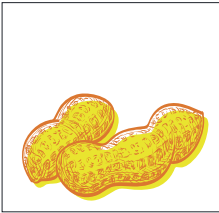
WIREGRASS
MUSEUM
OF ART



The museum also fosters a welcoming environment for families. First Saturday Family Day offers free art activities the first Saturday of every month. With interactive exhibits and educational programs tailored for children, the museum encourages young visitors to appreciate art in a fun way. From hands-on activities to family friendly events, the Wiregrass Museum of Art provides enriching experiences for children and families to enjoy together.

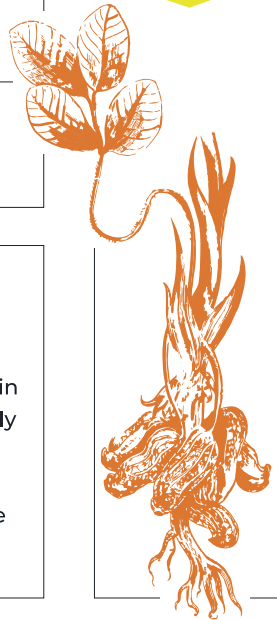
ART, MUSEUMS, & PEANUTS

The GW Carver Museum stands as a poignant tribute to the legacy of George Washington Carver, the renowned African American scientist, inventor, and educator. This museum offers visitors a captivating journey through Carver's remarkable life and contributions to science and agriculture. Exhibits showcase Carver's groundbreaking research in crop rotation, his pioneering work with peanuts, and his dedication to improving the lives of farmers in the American South.



THE CARVER MUSEUM

Through interactive displays, artifacts, and multimedia presentations, visitors gain a profound understanding of Carver's enduring impact on agricultural innovation and his role in advancing racial equality. The museum not only celebrates Carver's achievements but also serves as a beacon of inspiration, encouraging visitors to pursue their own passions and make a positive difference in the world.

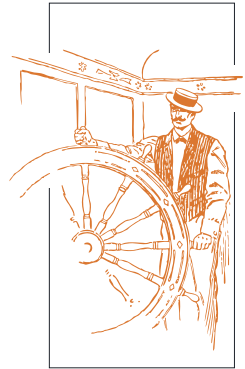


ART, MUSEUMS, & PEANUTS

Dothan's streets are adorned with an array of captivating murals that breathe life and color into downtown. These artworks serve as a testament to Dothan's rich cultural tapestry, showcasing a diverse range of themes and styles that reflect the city's history, heritage, and community spirit.



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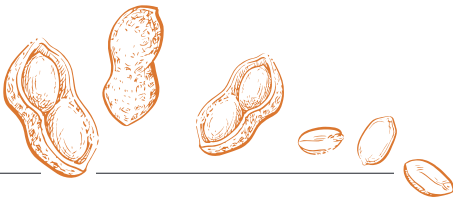
From a larger-than-life “Salute to the Peanut Industry” depicting lively scenes of festivities, farmers, and of course, peanuts, to The Steamboat Era mural, which pays homage to Dothan’s history as a bustling transportation hub along the Chattahoochee River, these urban artworks not only beautify the cityscape but also foster a sense of pride and connection among residents and visitors alike. As visitors stroll through downtown, they are treated to a visual feast of creativity and expression, with every mural adding depth and character to downtown Dothan, celebrating its past while embracing its vibrant present.

ART, MUSEUMS, & PEANUTS

Dothan's peanut statues have become beloved symbols scattered throughout the city that celebrate Dothan's rich agricultural heritage as the "Peanut Capital of the World." These whimsically designed statues are uniquely decorated to reflect different themes and local interests. From downtown streets to parks and public spaces, these larger-than-life peanuts not only add charm to the cityscape but also serve as landmarks that locals and visitors alike enjoy discovering.

PEANUTS AROUND TOWN

The Peanuts Around Town offers an exciting kids' scavenger hunt, providing not just a fun challenge but also an educational opportunity to learn about Dothan's culture and history. The hunt encourages families to discover hidden gems and enjoy the outdoors. It's a delightful way for children to engage with their community and appreciate the artistry that peppers the streets of Dothan. Scan the QR code for a map to get your peanut adventure started!





ATTRACTIONS CHECK THEM OFF AS YOU GO!

LANDMARK PARK	
WATER WORLD (SEASONAL)	
SPRING AND FALL FARM DAY	
VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS	
CORNDOGERS (SEASONAL)	
APLIN FARMS (SEASONAL)	
FUN ZONE	
HANGAR 38	
ADVENTURELAND	
XTREME AIR MEGA PARK	
ESCAPE DOTHAN	
AXTION AIR TRAMPOLINE PARK	
CHUCK E. CHEESE	
PATRICIA LANES	
DOWNTOWN BOOKS	
WATER TOWER LIGHT SHOW	

LANDMARK PARK



Enjoy Alabama's only agriculture museum complete with its living history farm, nature center, and outdoor amenities like playgrounds and picnic areas. Kids can experience a fun-filled adventure while learning about the region's history and natural environment. From enjoying farm animals to exploring hiking trails and wildlife exhibits, Landmark Park offers a diverse range of activities that promise excitement and discovery for young visitors.



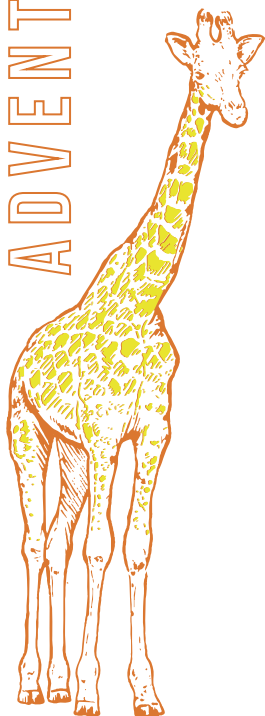
WATERWORLD

Grab the kids & cool off at Dothan's most exciting beach! Whether they're racing down slides, floating the wave pool, or waiting for a big bucket splash, there's excitement for everyone. Lifeguards ensure safety, and designated areas cater to younger visitors, making it a perfect destination for a day out with the family.



From adrenaline pumping go-carts to classic putt-putt, there's something for every age and preference. Kids can test their skill in the arcade, embark on exciting bumper boat adventures, and indulge in delicious treats from the concession stand. With attentive staff ensuring safety and fun at every turn, Adventureland Theme Park guarantees cherished memories and smiles for the whole family. It's the perfect destination for a day of laughter and thrills.

ADVENTURELAND





OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

FOREVER WILD TRAIL	
MIRACLE PARK PLAYGROUND	
WESTGATE PARK	
JAMES OATES PARK	
EASTGATE PARK	
KIWANIS PLAYGROUND	
LANDMARK PARK PLAYGROUND & NATURE TRAIL	
DOTHAN AREA BOTANICAL GARDENS WINGS OF WONDER & PLAYGROUND	



MIRACLE PARK PLAYGROUND



KIWANIS PLAYGROUND



EASTGATE PARK PLAYGROUND



BOTANICAL GARDENS PLAYGROUND

SHOPPING

OAKS ON PARK

Fun to fine gifts, permanent jewelry, childrens apparel & more

SOMETHING SPECIAL BOUTIQUE

Sweet children's boutique filled with charming outfits and gifts for the littles in your life

OUR NEW BABY

Roomy showroom with a wide inventory of baby supplies, such as strollers, furniture & apparel



DOTHAN NURSERIES

Boutique nursery complete with playhouse and butterfly house to keep the kids entertained

EAGLE EYE OUTFITTERS

Specializing in outdoor gear for the entire family to ensure you're comfy and protected from the elements



HONEY BEE TEES

Cute and unique gifts & tees for children & adults

HISSYFITS BOUTIQUE

Look for the big white farmhouse filled with gifts and goodies for your favorite guys, girls, and grads



DOWNTOWN BOOKS

Downtown's locally owned bookstore full of books, games, puzzles, and an incredible loft just for kids



DOTHAN NURSERIES



DOWNTOWN BOOKS



SCAN FOR
UPCOMING
EVENTS

FEATURED ANNUAL EVENTS



Experience the excitement of our annual downtown events. Immerse yourself in a vibrant tapestry of culture, cuisine, and community, where every moment is an opportunity to create unforgettable memories.

Experience the most adorable Mardi Gras parade in Dothan! The Mystics of Solomon Park host the annual Pet & Kid Mardi Gras Parade. It's truly a celebration that brings together families, pets, and community spirit in a colorful extravaganza. Children and their furry friends don festive costumes and join the procession, filling the air with laughter and cheer. It's a cherished tradition that supports a worthwhile cause- with all parade entry proceeds benefitting the Wiregrass Humane Society. Grab your kids (or your four-legged kids) and laissez les bon temps rouler!



PET & KID MARDI GRAS PARADE

JANUARY

The Water World Water Tower light shows, organized by Dothan Leisure Services, continues to engage the community. These displays bring a touch of fun to daily life and coincide with specific events on certain days and weeks. Notably, some shows are enhanced with synchronized music on 88.1 FM. It's something quirky and unique the kids are sure to love. Best of all, you don't even have to leave the comfort of your car!

WATER TOWER LIGHT SHOW



YEAR-ROUND

Each fall, the Dothan Area Botanical Garden hosts its beloved "Scarecrows in the Garden" event. This tradition brings together local families, schools, and organizations to create unique and whimsical scarecrow displays. Visitors can stroll through the garden pathways adorned with imaginative scarecrows, each one reflecting the creativity and spirit of its creators. The event fosters a sense of



community and celebration of the autumn season, making it a highly anticipated gathering for both residents and visitors alike.

SCARECROWS IN THE GARDEN

OCTOBER

Celebrate the season with an unforgettable experience at Boo Fest, packed with family fun, including costume contests, face painting, games, and delicious food! Immerse yourself in all that downtown has to offer with shopping, dining, and entertainment options on every block. From savory delights at KBC to selecting your new favorite book from Downtown Books, there's something for everyone. Join us for an action-packed day of fall festivities along historic Foster Street.

BOO FEST



OCTOBER

Dothan's National Peanut Festival stands as a proud testament to the region's rich agricultural heritage. Every year, this iconic event draws crowds from far and wide to celebrate the peanut harvest and the vibrant culture surrounding it. From thrilling rides and live entertainment to agricultural exhibits and delicious peanut-based treats, the festival offers something for everyone. It serves not only as a time honored tradition but also as a lively showcase of the community's spirit.



NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER

Experience the magic of the season at our beloved annual Santa's Workshop in charming Downtown Dothan! Kids can enjoy free activities, meet Santa himself, and explore delightful vendors and food trucks. Get ready for a winter wonderland extravaganza at The North Pole Stroll, featuring snow, s'mores, caroling, arts & crafts, and endless family fun during the Christmas season.



DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

DECEMBER

Southeast Alabama Dance Company invites you to experience the wonder and joy of the holiday season with their rendition of The Nutcracker Ballet. Join in for a journey through this timeless story, captivating audiences of all ages with spellbinding performances and breathtaking choreography by local talent. Immerse yourself in a world of fantasy, adventure, and unforgettable moments each holiday season.



THE NUTCRACKER

DECEMBER

Each December, the Dothan Area Botanical Garden comes alive with the enchanting "Gardens Aglow" event. Illuminating the garden's pathways with thousands of twinkling lights, this magical display captivates visitors of all ages. Guests can wander through the illuminated landscapes, enjoying the festive ambiance and seasonal decorations. "Gardens Aglow" has become a beloved holiday tradition in the community, offering a festive and joyful experience.



GARDENS AGLOW



DECEMBER



MARDI GRAS PARADE



NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL



THE NUTCRACKER



THE BLUE PLATE

Outrageously good Southern style home-cooked meals at affordable prices

FIRE STONE WOOD FIRED GRILL

Gourmet pizzas, pastas, and American mains served in a stylish setting with bar & patio seating

MCALLISTER'S DELI

Classic sandwich, soup, salad, and spud spot with a large patio for your four-legged friends

KBC

Top Chef winner Kelsey Clark offers refined Southern eats, creative cocktails, and a photo-worthy patio

FOLKLORE BREWING & MEADERY

Quirky location that feels like having a beer in a buddy's backyard and dogs are more than welcome

THIRSTY PIG CRAFT BEER TAPROOM

Constant rotation of craft beers and the family friendly outdoor atmosphere make this spot hard to beat

THE TOASTED YOLK CAFE

Serving breakfast and lunch favorites on a spacious patio where it's never too early to get toasted

MY PIE PIZZA

New York pizzas built to order using recipes from the family archive make this choice local, fresh, and fast

CHICKEN SALAD CHICK

Chicken salad, sandwiches, soups, and sides served fresh and from the heart

ZEPPELIN'S AT HANGAR 38

Chef crafted cuisine, aviation inspired cocktails, and a wide variety of craft beers complete with covered patio



EASTGATE PARK

1.4 mile unpaved trail in a tranquil setting that features a spacious fenced dog park and large pond

FOREVER WILD TRAILS

14 miles of unpaved multi-use trails winding through woodlands and along pond banks

WESTGATE TRAIL

A popular spot spanning 3.5 miles of paved and un-paved trails with a variety of natural features

DOTHAN AREA BOTANICAL GARDENS

50 acres of landscaped grounds that offer plenty of opportunities for exploration and enjoyment

DOG PARK AT THE CROSSING AT BIG CREEK

Large fenced dog park with amenities such as a covered viewing area with fans and a wash station.

PET SHOPPING

FOR PET'S SAKE

Locally owned pet boutique, bakery, and salon

WET PETS DOTHAN

Dothan's oldest pet shop with a knowledgeable staff and wide range of products

JEFFERS

A trusted source for the best products for horses, cattle, livestock, and pets at a great price

WOOF GANG BAKERY

Neighborhood pet store offering treats, full-service grooming, accessories, toys, and doggie spa items

PET SUPERMARKET

Trusted source for all your pet needs from cats to chameleons

PETSMART

Largest one-stop-shop with over 10,000 products to meet any need your pet may have

TRACTOR SUPPLY

Rural lifestyle store offering a variety of supplies from small to large animal

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FUN PEANUT FACTS

No. 1

Alabama is one of the top peanut producing states in the country

No. 2

The majority of our nation's peanuts are grown within a 100 mile radius of Dothan

No. 3

Peanut plant leaves are nyctinastic- meaning they open during the day and close at night

No. 4

Peanuts aren't really nuts- they are considered a legume like a pea or a bean

No. 5

One acre of peanut crop yields 3,400 pounds of peanuts- enough to make 30,000 peanut butter sandwiches

No. 6

Boiled peanuts are an essential football snack in the South and are very addictive

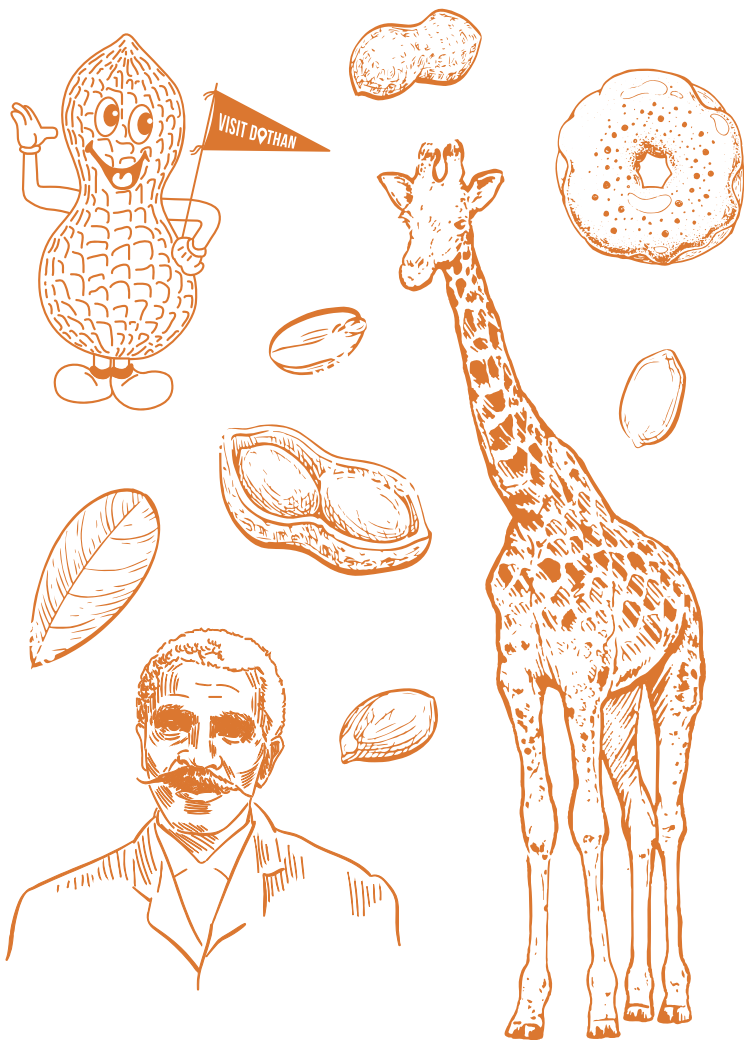
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There are 4 types of peanuts: Runner, Valencia, Spanish, and Virginia

No. 8

Typically people on the East coast prefer creamy peanut butter and people on the West coast prefer crunchy

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