

# HUNTSVILLE

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# Welcome!

## THE ROCKET CITY

Our mission at the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau is to welcome you to the area and invite you to discover our wonderful stories, artisans, cultures, eateries, and attractions. We are delighted that you're here and hope you enjoy your stay, making magical memories along the way.



Judy Ryals  
President & CEO

# Just Visiting

## VISITOR CENTERS

Our destination experts are on hand at two convenient locations to help you navigate the Huntsville/Madison County area. Our team will share free brochures, maps, special offers, coupons, and plenty of local advice.

### HUNTSVILLE/MADISON COUNTY VISITOR CENTER® AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

500 Church Street NW, Suite One  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
256.551.2370, 800.SPACE.4.U  
Monday–Saturday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
and Sunday, noon–5 p.m.\*

### HUNTSVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (HSV) VISITOR CENTER

Located in the HSV baggage claim area  
1000 Glenn Hearn Boulevard SW  
Huntsville, AL 35824  
256.772.9470  
Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.\*

\* Hours subject to change. Both Visitor Centers are closed on Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.



### PASSPORT COUPONS & ROCKET CITY KIDS PASS

Be kind to your vacation budget with money-saving coupons and our family-friendly kids pass. Passport coupons are available via download or in person at both Visitor Center locations. The Rocket City Kids Pass is download only.



### GET THE T-SHIRT

Is it really a vacation if you don't go home with at least one souvenir? We've got you covered at our downtown Visitor Center with t-shirts, space merch, postcards, and other unique items to remind you of your Rocket City visit.





*Launch your Huntsville visit at the  
U.S. Space & Rocket Center for an  
out-of-this-world experience.*



# On the Hunt

TRACK DOWN FAMILY FUN ON TRAILS  
AND SCAVENGER HUNTS.

Put your detective skills to the test as you and your family and friends compete to see who can find the ducks, trains, and historic architectural features. The hunts are designed to be fun for all ages.



## LUCKY DUCK

We're serious about getting our ducks in a row! In fact, we've hidden 14 ducks in the downtown Huntsville area. Pick up a brochure and get hunting. If you find them all, swing back by the downtown Visitor Center for a special prize. Share your finds on social with #LuckyDuckHsv.



## TRAINS ON MAIN








The finding fun continues with the challenge of locating eight hidden trains in Historic Downtown Madison. The clue card is available at both Visitor Centers, the Madison Chamber of Commerce, or online. With your hunt complete, stop by the Chamber (401 Carter Drive) or the downtown Visitor Center to claim a prize.

## FINDING HUNTSVILLE

This kid-friendly activity begins with a book available at our downtown Visitor Center or Harrison Brothers Hardware (124 Southside Square). Get ready for the courthouse square to become an interactive classroom of learning.

## WE'RE SOCIAL

From blogs to tweets, we're ready to engage with you on social media. Look for us at the following handles:

-  @HuntsvilleCVB
-  @VisitHuntsvilleAL
-  HuntsvilleCVB
-  HuntsvilleAL
-  Go2HuntsvilleAL
-  VisitHuntsvilleAL
-  [huntsville.org/blog](https://huntsville.org/blog)

# The Latest News

AS AN AREA WITH A HISTORY OF LOOKING TO THE MOON AND STARS, IT IS NO SURPRISE THAT OUR GROWTH IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

#iHeartHSV

## BEST PLACES TO LIVE

We're #1! Topping the *U.S. News & World Report's* list of The 25 Best Places to Live in the U.S. in 2022-2023, Huntsville has a "strong job market and low cost of living—a winning combination for many people looking to relocate."

## BEST BOTANICAL GARDEN

Huntsville Botanical Garden captures the #4 spot on *USA Today's* 10 best botanical gardens in North America.

## U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center is *Southern Living's* pick for the South's Best Museum 2022 to help us "get a little closer to worlds beyond our own."

## THE ORION AMPHITHEATER

The vision is now a reality! In 2022 the Orion Amphitheater opened in MidCity alongside an inviting food village, which is open year-round. The concert lineup

has already featured Jack White, My Morning Jacket, and Earth, Wind & Fire.

## FRONT ROW

The former Coca-Cola bottling factory on Clinton Avenue, across from the Von Braun Center's North Hall, will soon be transformed into Front Row, a multi-use development with lofts, offices, a hotel, retail space, and food and beverage establishments.

## BACK FORTY BEER COMPANY

This Gadsden-based brewery is planning a new location in Huntsville, slated to open in 2023, making it our 13th brewery.

## PARKS & RECREATION

The City of Huntsville boasts more than 65 parks, 15 recreation and community centers, 100 athletic fields, and 70-plus miles of trails and greenways. From sand volleyball to skateboarding, dog parks to disc golf, the Parks

& Recreation Department is dedicated to meeting the city's diverse interests.

Today, our Parks & Recreation facilities are busier than ever as youth athletic participation is at an all-time high. There are also exciting projects underway, including the Joe Davis Stadium renovation, Phase II of the Sandra Moon Community Complex, construction of Legacy Park near Johnson Legacy Center, and continued development of Apollo Park near The Orion Amphitheater.

At John Hunt Park, work is underway on the new Get-A-Way Skatepark, renovation of Kids' Space, and creation of an 18-hole disc golf course. Meanwhile, an expansion of the Championship Fields will add two synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse. The City has also committed to adding 44 new miles to the greenway system by next year.

# To the moon and beyond

WHEN YOU VISIT HUNTSVILLE, YOU'RE IN THE CRADLE OF THE U.S. SPACE PROGRAM.

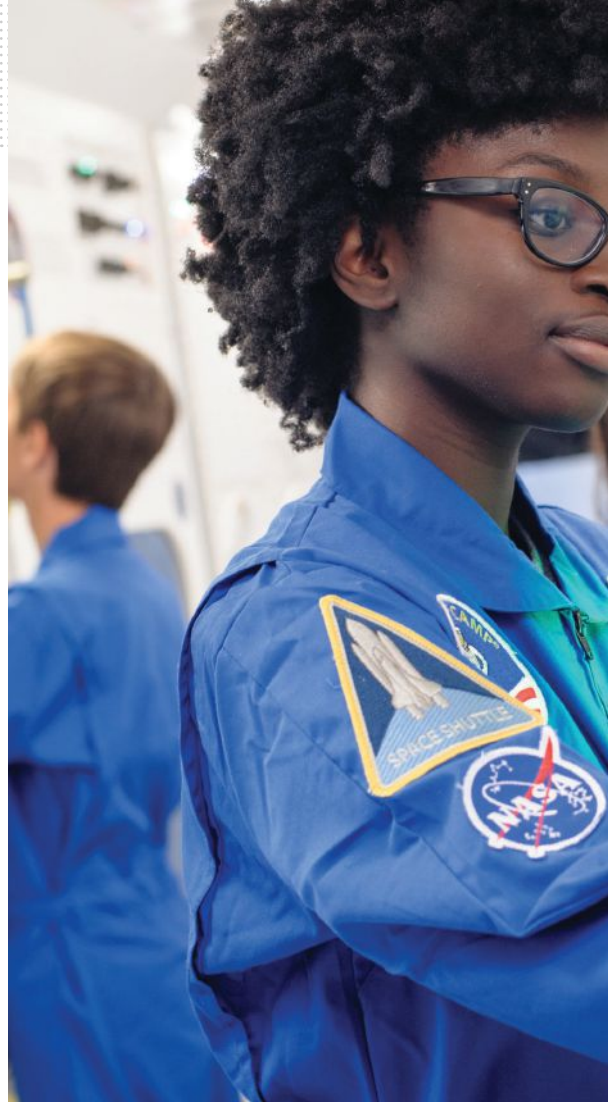


Scientists and engineers worked here in the mid 20th century to develop the rockets that propelled America into space. Prior to this time, Huntsville was known for its cotton growers and as a key location for river trade.

Today the landscape has changed; cotton fields are now home to aerospace and manufacturing facilities, and the river is used primarily for recreation. The energy and drive of those early space pioneers are still pulsing through the community. Today, Huntsville is hard at work on the next chapter of out-of-this-world exploration, leading the Rocket City, the nation, and the world into tomorrow.

Towering over the street lights and trees, the mighty Saturn V Rocket on display at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center (USSRC) looks as though it is ready, all these decades later, to launch into the heavens for another mission. It is the iconic beacon that draws visitors to this impressive center, which serves as the official NASA Visitor Center for the Marshall Space Flight Center. Each year hundreds of thousands of visitors pass by on their journey through the Davidson Center for Space Exploration to see and appreciate artifacts like the Apollo 16 Command Module and an Apollo 12 moon rock.

At the ISS: Science on Orbit display, guests can tour a model of NASA's Payload Operations Integration



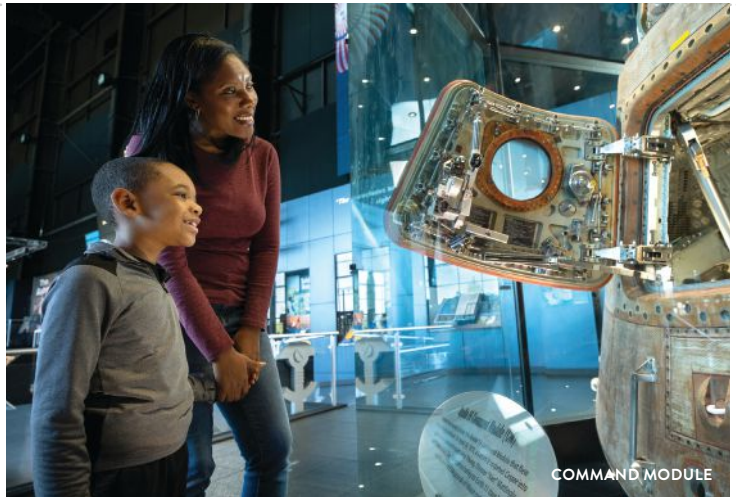
Center, the control center on Earth that manages the experiments conducted on the International Space Station. The tour continues with details about the complexities of environmental controls and life support systems that are needed to maintain life on the International Space Station.

To get a hands-on appreciation for the grueling conditions of space travel and exploration, visitors can opt for special add-on experiences including the Flight Simulator, which puts you in a simulated cockpit of the powerful F-18 Super Hornet. Get underwater with SCUBA Training and SeaTrek. Brave the G-Force Accelerator and experience the impact of three times the force of gravity. Always a favorite, the Multi-Axis Trainer sends you for a spin, tumbling on all three axes. If you are ready for more, try Moon Shot for a liftoff that rockets you 140 feet





CAMPERS AT SPACE CAMP®



COMMAND MODULE



SATURN V ROCKET

straight up in a dizzying 2.5 seconds. There's even more! Watch a movie in the National Geographic Theater and visit the INTUITIVE® Planetarium.

Be sure to check the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's website ([rocketcenter.com](http://rocketcenter.com)) to see what special events are happening during your visit. You can enjoy fun options like Toddler Tuesdays, Summer STEAM Activities, Astronaut Chats, Teen Thursday Summer Science Club, Biergarten, and Cocktails & Cosmos.

### THE COOLEST CAMPS

To help inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, and astronauts, the USSRC opened Space Camp® in 1982. In the years

since, over 900,000 students from more than 150 international locations have graduated from the program, which uses astronaut training methods to focus on real applications of STEM principles. The immersive program even has students sleeping in quarters that resemble the International Space Station. In recent years the camp program has expanded to include Aviation Challenge, Robotics Camp, and U.S. Cyber Camp.



MULTI-AXIS TRAINER

### ROCKET CITY KIDS PASS

We've partnered with Rocket City Mom to bring you big savings at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and other popular Huntsville locations. Find the details at [huntsville.org/rocket-city-kids-pass](http://huntsville.org/rocket-city-kids-pass).

# Countdown to discovery

VISIT THE U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER OR ATTEND  
A CAMP FOR OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD ADVENTURE.



## **CELEBRATE EXPLORATION PAST AND FUTURE AT THE U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER.**

It's really big. It's the largest space museum on this planet. It's really tall. The awe-inspiring Saturn V Rocket rises 363 feet to beckon travelers to stop by. It's out of this world. Yes, that is a lunar rock sample. It's what's next. NASA's sights are focused on Mars, and Huntsville is playing a role in that exciting plan. Get in the know about the Space Launch System, the world's most powerful rocket.

With a general admission ticket, you can discover the Saturn V Hall, where the rocket is suspended overhead, a humbling sight. Continue your journey with Moon Crater, Military Park, Rocket Park, and Shuttle Park. Young visitors will enjoy exploring the Martian surface at KidsSpace. Add-on experiences increase these lifelong memories. The visit might just inspire a future astronaut.

**Learn more about all of these options at [rocketcenter.com](http://rocketcenter.com).**

## **SPACE CAMP® INSPIRES TOMORROW'S SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, AND ASTRONAUTS.**

For many in the field, their first spark came when they attended Space Camp®. The summer camp series available to students in the 4th grade through high school is the most popular. However, camps are now tailored for adults, families, and corporate groups, as well as programs for visitors with visual and hearing impairments, or other special needs. Space and the joy of exploration are truly open to all.



**LEARN WITH AVIATION CHALLENGE, ROBOTICS CAMP, AND U.S. CYBER CAMP.** The aviation programs focus on critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership training, plus specific skills in aerodynamics and flight simulators. In the robotics programs, engineering and design happen on land, in the air, and underwater. On the cutting edge of cyber, campers learn about ethics and responsibilities, then get to experience challenges developed in conjunction with the FBI.



**REACH FOR THE STARS AT THE INTUITIVE® PLANETARIUM.** With an 8K Digital Planetarium and Digital Dome Experience—the only one of its kind in the Southeast—the grandeur of space feels right at your fingertips inside the INTUITIVE® Planetarium. Its state-of-the-art sound system delivers an engaging lineup of programming including daytime and evening shows, full-dome movies, and fun educational events for all ages.



**OUR SPACE GEEK ITINERARY.** Make the most of your visit with our mission plan. From out-of-this-world pastries and a hearty German meal to the footprints of Alan Shepard, this code is your downlink for adventure.

**SCAN ME**



**3-2-1 BLAST OFF**



# Sharing tales of the past & future, local **ATTRACTIONS** welcome you

HUNTSVILLE'S ATTRACTIONS INVITE YOU TO RETRACE THE STEPS OF HISTORY, APPRECIATE NATURE AND ART, AND ALWAYS REACH FOR THE STARS.

For a relaxing stroll surrounded by natural beauty, plan a visit to the **Huntsville Botanical Garden** with 118 acres of discovery. Open year-round, the garden boasts an array of ecosystems from woodland paths and aquatic habitats to grassy meadows and beautiful floral displays. The Lewis Birding Trail winds through those ecosystems to highlight the large variety of local and migratory birds.

Overlooking Little Smith Lake, the garden's Purdy Butterfly House is the nation's largest open-air butterfly house. If you want to bring your four-legged friend along, every Monday night dogs are welcome on dedicated pet-friendly paths. Seasonal events include Festifall and the holiday display Galaxy of Lights.



HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN



HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

**PERCHED ABOVE THE CITY ON 167 ACRES, Burritt**

**on the Mountain** is home to an important part of our state's history. The centerpiece of the property is the eclectic X-shaped home of Dr. William Henry Burritt. Additional structures on the grounds include authentic 19th-century homes, a schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, and other outbuildings. The McCurdy Barnyard is a favorite among visitors who enjoy meeting the farm animals. Living-history interpreters help to bring the history of the period forward with demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Nature trails take hikers past historic coal mines and interesting limestone rock formations. During a spring trek the trails are transformed with wildflowers; in fall the beauty comes from autumn leaves. Throughout the year, the area is popular with birders and is listed on the Huntsville/Madison County Birding Trail.



BURRITT ON THE MOUNTAIN



EARLYWORKS



HUNTSVILLE MUSEUM OF ART

**TOUCH, CLIMB, AND EXPLORE-IT WAS DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN.**

Too often we tell children not to touch things at a museum. However, at **EarlyWorks Children's Museum**, they are encouraged to engage with the exhibits! After all, that's how learning happens. Watch faces light up when they hear stories from the talking tree, including tales of Alabama history. At the Tinker Lab, engaging STEM lessons are hands-on for young scientists.

Imaginations will be floating down the river with play on a 46-foot keelboat, representative of river travel in the 19th century. Preschool-age visitors will enjoy the hands-on fun of Biscuit's Backyard, where the activities with building blocks and a water table help develop motor skills. The Passages Exhibit shares African American culture with artifacts and a mural. The museum's newest exhibit is Toy Takeover, which offers a peek inside popular toys to see how they work.

**NESTLED IN THE BEAUTY OF BIG SPRING INTERNATIONAL PARK,** the **Huntsville Museum of Art** is home to a permanent collection of more than 3,200 objects. The primary focus is on 19th- and 20th-century American art with an emphasis on works from the Southeast. The collection includes works by Dale Chihuly and William Morris. In 2008, the museum acquired the expansive Sellars Collection of Art by American Women. Traveling exhibits provide reasons for many return visits.

# Take a step back in time

DISCOVER A STORE SEEMINGLY FROZEN IN TIME  
AND A HAUNTED TOUR THAT MAY GIVE YOU CHILLS.



HARRISON BROTHERS HARDWARE

## HISTORY AND ART BLEND

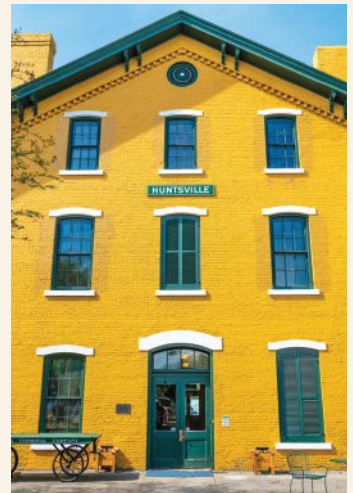
at **H.C. Blake Art & History Center**. Dedicated to the promotion and preservation of both fine art and history, the center opened in 2020 and has quickly gained a following. The history side of the center is represented by **Huntsville Revisited**, which is home to a wide array of artifacts and historical photos. The displays are filled with fascinating stories about the people and places that have woven the fabric of the Huntsville and Madison County area.

## FEDERAL ARCHITECTURE AND 19TH-CENTURY HISTORY

are on display at the **Weeden House Museum and Garden**. Built in 1819, the two-story brick house, purchased by Dr. William Weeden in 1845, was the birthplace of his daughter, well-known 19th-century artist and poet Maria Howard Weeden. Today, visitors to the house can appreciate the hand-carved mantels and spiral staircase. Guided tours share stories of the home before, during, and after the Civil War.

## IN THE SHADOWS OF MODERN DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE

on the Square, step inside Alabama's oldest continuously operating hardware store, **Harrison Brothers Hardware**. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the store is now operated by the Historic Huntsville Foundation and features the original cash register, desk, safe, plus an ever-changing collection of arts and crafts and a gift shop with books, prints, and other items relating to local history.



### HOMES WITH HISTORY

line the streets of Huntsville's residential districts. While these homes are not open for tours, you can enjoy a walking or driving tour to appreciate the architecture and character they provide. The **Twickenham District** features homes primarily from the early to late 1800s with a range of styles from Queen Anne to Greek Revival. **Old Town District** showcases homes from 1880 to 1929. The modest homes and bungalows of **Five Points** date from the 1920s to 1950s.

### TAG ALONG WITH A LOCAL

**EXPERT** to get more insight about the places you'll see when you join us for a tour. Get goose bumps on the fall **Huntsville Ghost Walks** or delve into the backstory of Huntsville or Madison with seasonal **Guided History Tours**. Stand on hallowed grounds along the **Huntsville Civil Rights Landmarks Tour** or get behind the wheel for the **Rocket City Civil Rights Driving Tour**. Set your own pace with the self-guided **Digital Huntsville History Tour**.

### PLACES TO EXPLORE

include **Alabama Constitution Hall Historic Park** and **Historic Huntsville Depot**. Building tours are not currently offered, but the grounds are open to the public. Please check for updates. The park is where Alabama became a state in 1819. The depot, now a tribute to local transportation history, was an active passenger station until 1968. Be sure to explore the **Huntsville Madison County Veterans Memorial Park**.  
 ► [huntsville.org/things-to-do/attractions](https://huntsville.org/things-to-do/attractions)

# OUTDOORS for fitness & fun

ENJOY SOME FRESH AIR. CLIMB A MOUNTAIN.  
RIDE A BIKE. TAKE A HIKE. PADDLE A KAYAK.



NORTH ALABAMA CANOE & KAYAK ON THE FLINT RIVER

## TAKE A HIKE

From the Spanish for “Mountain of Health,” **Monte Sano State Park** is an expansive 2,140 acres of outdoor happiness. Hikers will enjoy 20 miles of trails. Those biking will have 14 miles for pedaling. In spring those trails are in full bloom with native azaleas. Daily use fees or annual park passes are available. For a place to rest your head, the park has 14 rustic cabins, 74 improved campsites, and a primitive campground.

## WHERE HUNTSVILLE MEETS THE TENNESSEE RIVER

On the southern edge of the city on the banks of the Tennessee River, **Ditto Landing** is framed by mountain foothills. Fishing enthusiasts and novices alike enjoy wetting a hook to catch bass, bream, and catfish. Boaters of all types enjoy the marina. Ditto Landing is an ideal spot for water skiing and swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and stand-up paddling, as well as camping with over 70 campsites. Coming soon, kayak bass fishing.

## PADDLING IN HUNTSVILLE: A NOT-SO-HIDDEN GEM

Local travel writers Jenn and Ed Coleman have compiled a guide to help you experience the more than 60 miles of navigable waters in the area. Scan the code to get started.

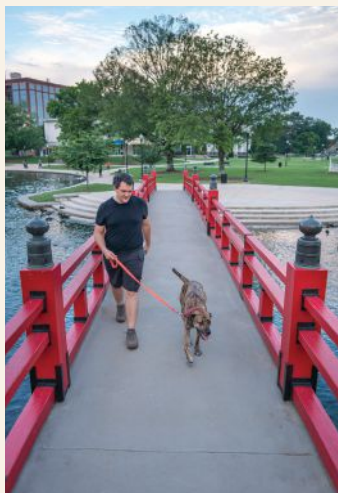
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TAKE TO  
THE WATER







**ADVENTURE ON FOOT OR BY BIKE**

Transition smoothly from Monte Sano State Park to the adjacent **Land Trust of North Alabama** preserve with 70 more miles of trails. **Blevins Gap Nature Preserve** has 17.5 miles of trails of varying difficulty. In the City of Madison, **Rainbow Mountain** packs nearly 3.5 miles of trails into only 1.5 acres. The protected lands of **Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge** include the **Beaverdam Creek Boardwalk** for easy exploration of this unique habitat.

**MEET ME AT THE PARK**

A downtown gem and the waters that lured settlers over 200 years ago, **Big Spring International Park** is a popular green space with friendly ducks and geese, and the Instagram-worthy red bridge and cherry trees. **Dublin Memorial Park** in Madison keeps you active with paved walking trails, and an outdoor pool. In the Owens Cross Roads area, **Goldsmith-Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary** is part of the North Alabama Birding Trail. Visit the CVB website for a full list of parks.

**ONE FOR THE GUYS... OR GALS**

With stops for hiking and cold craft beer, a vintage hardware store, and tasty pizza, our Guys Getaway itinerary works just as well for the gals or any group of friends ready to have fun.

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GUYS GETAWAY



# Go Team! Join the **CHEERING SECTION** in the stands

WHETHER ON THE FIELD,  
AROUND THE DIAMOND,  
ON THE COURT, OR AT THE  
RINK, HUNTSVILLE'S SPORTS  
TEAMS BRING THE ACTION.

If you follow Double-A baseball, you know that the teams and their cities take pride in coming up with unique and clever names that fans can rally behind. At Toyota Field in Madison, we fill up the stands to cheer for the **Rocket City Trash Pandas**, the Double-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels. From April through September, home games are a great way to celebrate America's national pastime. The skies above the stadium light up with fireworks following Friday and Saturday games.

Toyota Field makes the game accessible for all abilities with specific seating for fans in wheelchairs and their companions. Pups can join the excitement at Wednesday home games in a special Dog Zone.



TOYOTA FIELD



## GIVING IT THE OLD COLLEGE TRY

The Bulldogs of **Alabama A&M University** give students, alumni, and fans a full calendar of games to attend. Men's teams compete in baseball, basketball, football, golf, tennis, and track & field. Women's teams showcase their skills in basketball, bowling, cross country, soccer, softball, tennis, track & field, and volleyball.

At the **University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH)**, the Chargers suit up for baseball, basketball, cross country, lacrosse, soccer, and track & field for the men's sports. Women's teams compete in basketball, cross country, lacrosse, soccer, softball, track & field, and volleyball.

## GOING PRO

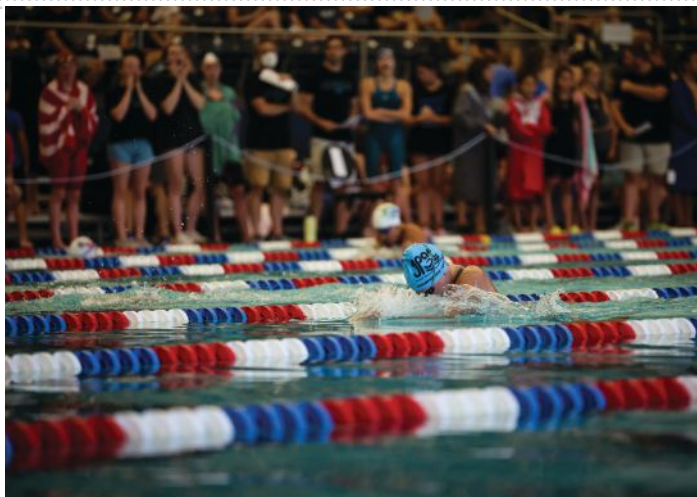
The Southern Professional Hockey League skates into action with the **Huntsville Havoc**. The puck drops in downtown Huntsville at the Von Braun Center. Soccer comes to the Rocket City in the spring with the addition of Huntsville's team to MLS Next at the renovated **Joe Davis Stadium**.

## ROAD TO THE PGA TOUR STOPS HERE

**HomeTown Lenders Championship** at The Ledges is one of the top tournaments each year on the Korn Ferry Tour, challenging aspiring PGA Tour members with a difficult test on a beautiful course.

## YOU SPIN ME RIGHT ROUND

At **Huntsville Speedway** you can satisfy your need for speed with weekly racing on the quarter-mile oval racetrack.



## TEE UP FOR GOLF ON THE ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL.

In neighboring Owens Cross Roads, get in the swing of things with a round of golf at the 54-hole **Hampton Cove**, the northern gateway of the prestigious **Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail**. The River course will challenge you with water on 16 of the 18 holes.

**A PLACE TO PLAY.** Huntsville features the **Von Braun Center Propst Arena**, **Sand Volleyball Complex**, and **Toyota Field** as

well as the **Huntsville Aquatics Center**, **Huntsville Ice Sports Center**, **Huntsville Tennis Center**, and **Huntsville Running Park** to keep you in the pool and on the ice, court, and path. For soccer, there's **John Hunt Park**. And for gymnastics and cheerleading, head to **Huntsville Gymnastics Center** and **Matrix Gym**.

Planning a sports tournament?

► [huntsville.org/things-to-do/sports-recreation/athletic-venues](https://huntsville.org/things-to-do/sports-recreation/athletic-venues)

# CELEBRATING arts & culture

BRINGING TOGETHER KINDRED SPIRITS  
AND THOSE READY TO BE INSPIRED.



HUNTSVILLE MUSEUM OF ART

**MAKE IT A DAY FOR THE ARTS** when you spend it at the **Huntsville Museum of Art**. Surrounded by the peaceful grounds of Big Spring International Park in downtown Huntsville, the museum features traveling exhibits and its own permanent collection, which includes works by regional and American artists, American Studio Glass, and the world's largest collection of Buccellati silver animals. Add a meal at Pane e Vino and shopping at the Museum Store for art-inspired items.

**A HISTORIC FACTORY HAS NEW LIFE** as the largest privately owned arts facility in the South and second largest in the nation. New energy flows in a former textile mill at **Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment** with over 150 studios showcasing 200+ artists. The open-door policy welcomes the public to step inside, meet the artists, and witness their creations. Onsite dining options include Piper & Leaf tea company, Pizzelle's Confections, Dragon's Forge Café, Poftà Bunà International, The Veggie, and Chef Will the Palate.

**THE PROMOTION AND PRESERVATION** of fine art alongside the cultural and historical heritage of North Alabama is the proud mission of the **H.C. Blake Art & History Center**. Established just a couple of years ago, the center has already rocketed to popularity because of the quality of its art and displays. From moving Southern scenes, to weathered faces and still life, the art is sure to move you. **Huntsville Revisited Museum**, with artifacts, photos and stories, is part of the center.



**POWERFUL VOICES. GRACEFUL BODIES. LIFTING MUSIC.** Founded in 2018, **Opera Huntsville** sprang from a pure love of singing and opera. The seemingly effortless leaps and turns captivate audiences of the **Huntsville Ballet**. Their annual performance of *The Nutcracker* is a holiday tradition. Performing for more than 50 years, the **Huntsville Symphony Orchestra** provides accompaniment to the ballet along with their own classical and pops concert series.

**TAKING TO THE STAGE TO ENTERTAIN** Huntsville's theatre groups raise the curtain on popular productions. Tony Award-winning favorites dazzle onstage at the Von Braun Center with the **Broadway Theatre League**. Additional performances are curated by **Theatre Huntsville**, **Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center**, and **Independent Musical Productions**. To encourage the next generation, **Fantasy Playhouse** focuses on children's theater, arts education, and performance. Independent groups along with local universities and schools round out the calendar.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING YOUR VISIT?**

Whether you want to enjoy a classic symphony concert, a powerful opera, a Broadway hit, or perhaps a light-hearted play, Huntsville's arts calendar is full of great options. Scan the code to learn more.

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PICK YOUR DATES



**FOLLOW THE TRAIL FOR ARTSY FUN AND CULTURAL DISCOVERIES.**

Lace up your walking shoes and pick your trail for adventure and learning.

Standing tall for more than 100 years, 16 churches in Madison County are iconic representatives of spiritual heritage. Find them on the **Foundations of Faith Trail**.

Art should not be limited to the walls of a gallery. Here in Huntsville your sense of wonder will be rewarded on the **Downtown Huntsville Secret Art Trail** and the overlapping **Purple Cup Secret Art Trail**. The **Quigley Arts & Entertainment District** allows for exploring the trail with an adult beverage in the namesake purple cup.

Download the SPACES and Places app before you venture out on the **SPACES Sculpture Trail**. With 39 sculptures that celebrate the Huntsville spirit of combining engineering and art, the trail is a series of large-scale public art installations across the area—ideal for your next Instagram selfie.

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ARTS & CULTURE



20 | a1.com | A mural on Washington Street in downtown Huntsville celebrates the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage.



THE ORION AMPHITHEATER

# Mic check. One, two, three. *LIVE MUSIC*

NOT ALL STARS ARE IN THE SKY.  
SOME ARE ONSTAGE IN HUNTSVILLE.

## SHINING BRIGHT AT HUNTSVILLE'S NEWEST VENUE. **The Orion**

**Amphitheater** is now open and welcoming top music names. If this year is any indication—Dave Matthews, Hank Williams Jr., Chris Stapleton, Luke Bryan, The Black Keys, Jack White, and more—we can't wait for the upcoming lineup. Surrounding the amphitheater, **Apollo Park** embraces nature and leisure with food and dining establishments that are open year-round. Shout out for their eco-friendly TURN cups!

## OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD TALENT AT THE VON BRAUN CENTER. From the **Mars Music Hall** and **Playhouse** to the **Propst Arena** and **Mark C. Smith Concert Hall**, the live music performances at the **Von Braun Center** are truly stellar. The recent lineup featured Little Feat, Amy Grant, Gov't Mule, Air Supply, the Southern Soul Music Festival, Jim Parker's Songwriters Series, and the fun of The Masked Singer National Tour. Check their calendar ahead of your visit and catch a show.

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## MORE VENUES FOR ENJOYING LIVE MUSIC.

**Concerts in the Park** and **Jazz in the Park** bring the tunes to **Big Spring International Park** while the **City Lights & Stars Concert Series** takes the stage at **Burritt on the Mountain**. Entertainment hotspots like **The Camp at MidCity**, **Stovehouse**, **Campus No. 805**, **Sanctuary Huntsville**, **Humphrey's Bar & Grill**, **Low Mill A&E**, and **Valley Conservatory** provide intimate settings for live music.







*The 8,000-capacity Orion Amphitheater is a bold new venue celebrating our region's musical history and future.*





# ROCKET CITY EVENTS

HUNTSVILLE KNOWS HOW TO THROW A PARTY, AND OUR GOOD SOUTHERN MANNERS MEAN YOU'RE ALWAYS INVITED TO JOIN IN.

## SPRING

### CONCERTS ON THE DOCK

[lowemill.art/concerts](http://lowemill.art/concerts)

### HOMETOWN LENDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

[pgatour.com/korn-ferry-tour.html](http://pgatour.com/korn-ferry-tour.html)

### PANOPLY ARTS FESTIVAL

[artshuntsville.org](http://artshuntsville.org)

### GUIDED HISTORY TOURS

[huntsville.org/events](http://huntsville.org/events)

### NASA HUMAN EXPLORATION ROVER CHALLENGE

[nasa.gov/stem/roverchallenge/home](http://nasa.gov/stem/roverchallenge/home)

### ROCKET CITY BREWFEST

[rocketcitybrewfest.com](http://rocketcitybrewfest.com)

### FOOD TRUCK RALLIES

[huntsville.org/events](http://huntsville.org/events)

## SUMMER

### OAKWOOD FARMERS MARKET

[youoakwoodfarms.com](http://youoakwoodfarms.com)

### HUNTSVILLE HAMFEST

[hamfest.org](http://hamfest.org)

### HUNTSVILLE RESTAURANT WEEK & CULINARY MONTH

[huntsville.org/events/restaurant-week/](http://huntsville.org/events/restaurant-week/)

### ROCKET CITY SUMMER FEST

[rocketcenter.com](http://rocketcenter.com)

### WHISTLE STOP ROCKET CITY BBQ COOK OFF

[whistlestopweekend.com](http://whistlestopweekend.com)

## FALL

### CONCERTS ON THE DOCK

[lowemill.art/concerts](http://lowemill.art/concerts)

### CRUSH WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

[crushwinefestival.com](http://crushwinefestival.com)

### MONTE SANO ART FESTIVAL

[artshuntsville.org/monte-sano-art-festival](http://artshuntsville.org/monte-sano-art-festival)

### MADISON STREET FESTIVAL

[madisonstreetfestival.org](http://madisonstreetfestival.org)

### REDSTONE ARSENAL OKTOBERFEST

[redstone.armymwr.com](http://redstone.armymwr.com)

### ROCKET CITY PRIDE FESTIVAL

[facebook.com/rocketcityprideal](https://facebook.com/rocketcityprideal)

### MAPLE HILL CEMETERY STROLL

[huntsvillepilgrimage.org](http://huntsvillepilgrimage.org)

### RAILYARD BBQ BRAWL & MUSIC FEST

[railyardbbqfest.com](http://railyardbbqfest.com)

### FESTIFALL AT THE GARDEN

[hsvbg.org](http://hsvbg.org)

### HUNTSVILLE GHOST WALKS

[huntsvilleghostwalk.com](http://huntsvilleghostwalk.com)

## WINTER

### GALAXY OF LIGHTS

[hsvbg.org/galaxy](http://hsvbg.org/galaxy)

### CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS AT BURRITT ON THE MOUNTAIN

[burrittonthemountain.com](http://burrittonthemountain.com)

### ICE SKATING IN THE PARK

[hsvmuseum.org](http://hsvmuseum.org)

### TINSEL TRAIL AT BIG SPRING INTERNATIONAL PARK

[tinseltrail.com](http://tinseltrail.com)

### VON BREWSKI BEER FESTIVAL

[vonbrauncenter.com](http://vonbrauncenter.com)

Events are subject to change and we encourage you to confirm the details in advance. For more events, please visit our website. ► [huntsville.org/events](http://huntsville.org/events)

# WHAT'S in your bag?

INDULGE IN RETAIL DISCOVERIES AT POPULAR SHOPPING CENTERS, BOUTIQUES, AND MARKETS.



BRIDGE STREET TOWN CENTER

## OLD-WORLD CHARM AND COBBLESTONE WALKWAYS

welcome you to **Bridge Street Town Centre** in the Research Park area. Shop to your heart's content at White House | Black Market, the Southern Living Store, lululemon, J. Jill, DSW Shoes, and Anthropologie. Off Memorial Parkway, continue your shopping spree at **Parkway Place Mall** with Dillard's, Belk, Forever 21, Buckle, American Eagle, and Foot Locker. Pace yourself with plenty of dining options at both locations.

## FIND THE BEST OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

from furniture to old books at area antiques shops and boutiques. Popular stops include **Railroad Station Antique Mall**, **Firehouse Antiques**, and **Madison Station Antiques**. Find more on the **Alabama Antique Trail**. For fashion finds from today, shop local trendy boutiques. Downtown is a shopper's delight with **Roosevelt and Company**, **Elitaire Boutique**, and in Madison, head to **Filthy Gorgeous**, **Shoe Fly**, and **Blu by JayDee**.

## FIND A FARM-FRESH BOUNTY

at area farmers markets, whether you are looking for fresh fruits to enjoy during your stay or breads, jellies, and honey for the trip home, these farmers markets welcome you. Be sure to confirm their schedule. Local picks include **Ayers Farmers Market**, **Bailey Cove Farmers Market**, **Green Street Market**, **Madison City Farmers Market**, **Madison County Farmers Market**, **Meridianville Farmers Market**, **Oakwood Farms Market**, and **The Market at MidCity**.



**GRAB THE PERFECT SOUVENIR.** Treasure your time at our attractions with themed items from the gift shops at the **U.S. Space & Rocket Center**, **EarlyWorks Children's Museum**, **Huntsville Botanical Garden**, and **Huntsville Museum of Art**. Stop by the **Huntsville/Madison County Visitor Center®** and **Harrison Brothers Hardware** for a curated collection of souvenirs and crafts from local artists, or select a work of art straight from a studio at **Lowe Mill A&E**.

**ALL THAT SHOPPING CALLS FOR A TRIP TO THE SPA.** Indulge in a little relaxation with a close-your-eyes-and-exhale kind of day at a full-service spa. **Terrame**, **Terra Bacio**, and **DanTera** in Madison are ready to pamper you.

Visit our website to find a full list of spas and salons offering a range of services. Chances are one is close to your location for a convenient self-care pause. [huntsville.org/things-to-do/spas](http://huntsville.org/things-to-do/spas)

**PLAN A GIRLS' WEEKEND IN THE ROCKET CITY.** Call your friends and head to Huntsville for a getaway filled with shopping, spa pampering, museum and gallery hopping, a stroll in the garden, and plenty of you've-earned-it indulgent meals along the way.

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LET'S GO SHOPPING



# DISCOVER cool spaces

BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO A SCHOOL CAMPUS,  
A FORMER FACTORY, AND OTHER FUN SPOTS.



**WHERE SCHOOL BELLS RANG**, the development now known as **Campus No. 805** rings out with pet- and kid-friendly live music and laughter. The campus, which was an active middle school until 2009, now provides homeroom for two craft breweries—**Straight to Ale** and **Yellowhammer Brewing**. Enjoy recess at **X-Golf Huntsville**, **Pints and Pixels**, **Ronnie Raygun's**, and **Civil Axe Throwing**. Eat and sip at **Earth and Stone Wood Fired Pizza**, **Off Beat Coffee Studio**, **Hops N Guac**, and **Ale's Kitchen**.

**FROM A PLACE OF LABOR TO ONE OF LEISURE** with multiple stages for live music, **Stovehouse** was reimagined from the bones of the Martin Stove Factory. Bring your pet and kids for some tunes and relax on the lawn or in the community seating area. Decide what grub to grab from **Bark & Barrel BBQ**, **Kamado Ramen**, **El Cazador Taqueria**, **Oh Crepe!**, **Parm + Pepper**, **Wok's Up**, and more. Quench your thirst at **Charlie Foster's**, **Pourhouse**, and **The Brewers Cooperative** with 40 beers on tap.

**THIS CAMPSITE HAS FOOD TRUCKS!** From downtown, head west on University Drive to experience **The Camp at MidCity**. Find a coffee shop nestled in shipping containers. In the food truck garden check out the seasonal menus served along with beer, wine, and cocktails. From mid March to mid November, come for the produce and goods at a market that features farmers, makers, artisans, growers, and musicians. The Camp Stage is frequently graced with local and regional talent.



**DISCOVER ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS**

throughout Huntsville where you can purchase an alcoholic beverage from a permitted business and carry it outdoors to drink. Meet your friends and enjoy a stroll in the park, around a historic square, or through a lifestyle center. Outside alcohol cannot be brought into the districts, only purchased from participating businesses in the district, which will have signage displayed near their entrance.

The **Quigley District**, home of the **Purple Cup Art Trail**, is in the heart of downtown Huntsville and includes Courthouse Square, Big Spring International Park, the Von Braun Center, Huntsville Museum of Art, and surrounding restaurants and bars. The **MidCity District** encompasses The Orion Amphitheater, and The Camp, as well as Topgolf, REI Co-op, and nearby restaurants. Other districts include **Village of Providence**, **S.R. Butler Green** (Campus No. 805 area), and **Bridge Street Town Centre**.

**HUNTSVILLE FOR THE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL**

Give a scan to get the insider's scoop on all things eclectic and fun. Discover our diverse culinary scene, local and national music soundtrack, arts and entertainment districts, and 12 unique breweries.

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# Where to go for dinner

OR FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SIPS, AND SWEET TREATS. LET'S EAT & DRINK!



Huntsville's unique blend of culinary influences welcomes you to the table. We're deeply rooted in the South, so of course you'll find your fill of traditional dishes. At other thriving restaurants

you'll be greeted by the flavors of our proud global community. No matter where we come from, we all love a great meal—one enjoyed with old and new friends alike.

## **SOUTHERN DISHES DELIVER SOUTHERN COMFORT.**

Start your comfort food journey with **Big Shake's Hot Chicken and Fish**. The heat is serious, so order the original for a mild experience. At **Champy's Chicken** in Madison, the family recipe is worth the wait. Surround yourself with antiques at **GrandMother's House** for a home-cooked meal and be awed by the buffet at **Kacey's Home Cooking**. Pace yourself with the all-you-can-eat buffet at **Posey's Restaurant** in Hazel Green or go for fried goodness at **Little Libby's Catfish & Diner** in Madison.

Southern goes upscale without the stuffy menu at **Walton's Southern Table**. At **G's Country Kitchen**, save room for the banana pudding. Slide into a booth at **Betty Mae's Restaurant** and go for the pork chops. The seasonings are always on point at **Blue Plate Café**.







OLD BLACK BEAR BREWERY



**BBQ, BARBECUE, BAR-B-QUE, OR BARBEQUE.** We don't care how it is spelled, as long as it gets on our plate! We've got the regional names you may be familiar with—**Full Moon, Jim & Nick's, Dreamland, Moe's, and LawLers**, to name a few. Be sure to follow the sauce trail to some of our local spots. Plating up ribs and other delights since 1996, **Scruggs Barbeque** is a must. Don't let the thrift store setting confuse you; **WW Brookins Smoken on the Go** is a go-to for pulled pork. In

New Market, pull up a chair at **Ole Hickory BBQ** and **New Market BBQ**. In Gurley dine on a picnic table at **Mary's Pit Bar BQ**.

It's the BBQ chicken that brings in the rave reviews at **Boarhog's Barbeque**, while over at **Old Greenbrier Restaurant** the menu even includes barbecue ham. There's a blending of cultures at **Pig-N-Out** where standard offers share the menu with Korean Bulgogi and radish slaw.

# Steaks, burgers, & pub grub

AT EVERY TURN  
AND EVERY HOUR,  
HUNTSVILLE'S  
CREATIVE KITCHENS  
ARE DISHING UP  
DELIGHTS.



**CELEBRATE WITH STEAK AND SEAFOOD.** At **Char Restaurant** test your appetite with the 20-ounce Prime Cowboy Ribeye. Go for the Cilantro Lime Grilled Shrimp at **Connors Steak & Seafood**. Discover the adults-only favorite, **Nick's Ristorante**, which claims the Best Steak in North Alabama plus Northern Italian dishes.

**GRAB YOUR BURGER OR SANDWICH WITH BOTH HANDS** and take a big bite. Enjoy the Shae's Fried Green Tomato Burger at **Bobby's Diner**. Tackle the half-pound patty melt at **Humphrey's Bar & Grill**. Try the Philly cheesesteak at **Johnny Gryll's**. Get spicy at **MELT** with the fried chicken + jalapeno slaw Rock a Doodle. The namesake burger at **1892 East** is topped with a mushroom aioli. At **Dipwich** it has to be the roast beef French dip, or the Royale with cheese at **Goodland Pour House**.

**TREAT YOURSELF** to one of the area's fine-dining choices. Start your meal at **Commerce Kitchen** with Cornmeal Crusted Gulf Oysters. At **Cotton Row Restaurant**, a favorite is the Bayou La Batre Crab Cake. The Ahi Tuna Poke Tacos are all the rage at **Purveyor Huntsville**. Look for wine dinners at **The Bottle**, made-from-scratch Italian dinners at **Mazzara's Vinoteca**, and enjoy an old time parlor experience at **Revivalist**. In Madison, **Tom Brown's Restaurant** serves a fabulous steelhead salmon.

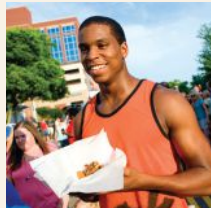


TOM BROWN'S RESTAURANT

**RAISE A PINT TO PUB GRUB** when you dine at one of these friendly joints serving up traditional and elevated bar food. Get hooked on the Pork Tenderloin Nuggets at **Shagnasty's Grubbery and Pour House**, or go a bit upscale at **Salt Factory Pub**, where the favorites include a hearty shepherd's pie. Keep the party going late night at **BeeZr Gastropub + Social Exchange** and try the Hot Tamale Supreme.



**AT THE SPEED OF DELICIOUS.** Huntsville's food truck scene has dozens of mobile magicians bringing the flavor. It's a tasty pun with **Highway Kabobery** serving up healthy options. Roll up to the **Peppered Pig** or check out the menu from **Fast Frankie's Wicked Eats** or **New South Hot Dog & Sushi**. Look for **Chef Will The Palate** at Lowe Mill A&E with vegetarian fare using local farmers and market gardeners.



goodness with the Country Griddle at **City Café Diner**. Bring on the day!



**TREATS TO SATISFY YOUR SWEET TOOTH.**

**Golden Years Ice Cream & Diner** is a step back in time with 36 ice cream flavors. Try the decadent shakes at **Oscar Moon's**. Sip the Peach Paradise Smoothie at **The Cozy Cow**. Get awestruck at **The Yard Milkshake Bar**. Find big taste in small packages at **Bigfoot's Little Donuts**. Be prepared to drool when you discover **L'Etoile Patisserie** and **The Dessert Fork**.



TAMARIND ISLAND GRILLE

**START YOUR DAY YOUR WAY.**

In Huntsville and Meridianville, locals know to head to **Biscuit Express**, or brunch at **The Foundation Coffeehouse** with unique omelets and crepes. Girl power is behind the action at **Good Company Café**, where you can build your own local grits. Layer on the

**SPIN THE GLOBE FOR CULINARY DELIGHTS**

Whether you stop by one of their locations or spot their food truck, a meal at **Taqueria El Cazador** is a must. Go traditional with the tamales at **Phil Sandoval's Mexican Restaurante** or get a scratch-made feast at **Bandito Burrito**. Save room for dessert with the Mexican Chocolate Crème Brulee at **La Esquina Cocina** or the tres leches cake at **Rosie's Mexican Cantina**.

Experience the welcoming island spirit at **Luv Hawaiian BBQ**. At **Phat Sammy's** and **Poke Aloha** the signature bowls are a hit. Recipes from the Dominican Republic take center stage at **Punta Cana Caribbean Restaurant**. Try the Cubano sandwich at **Dolce Pan Bakery** or the oxtail and curry goat combo at **M & K Jamaican Restaurant**.

Start at **Mangia Italian Restaurant** with the eggplant fries. At **Tortora's Bistro & Pizzeria** order the Zorbino, pan-seared chicken with prosciutto and mushrooms. Embrace all the options at **Happy Tummy Restaurant** or go for classic spins at **Big Ed's Pizzeria**, **Terry's Pizza**, **Valentina's Pizzeria**, and **Cork & Crust Pizzeria + Wine Bar**. End the meal with gelato at **Sam & Greg's Pizzeria Gelateria**.

Jump across the pond with fish and chips at **The Poppy & Parliament** British pub. Imagine dining with some of Huntsville's early rocket scientists at **O' Heidelberg Restaurant** and



**Hildegard's German Cuisine**. The menu covers Eastern Europe at **Neon Lilly Eurasian American Cuisine**. The spirit of Louisiana comes roaring through at **Tim's Cajun Kitchen** and **Pier 88 Boiling Seafood & Bar**. Greek tastes are all wrapped up at **Big Papa Gyro** and the curries will transport you at **Ruchi Indian Cuisine**.

Family-style service is the highlight at **Stone Age Korean Steakhouse**. At **Ding How II**, 15 years of tranquil dining have kept it a local favorite. Explore the

sushi menu at **Four Leaves** or go contemporary with **Mei Wei Asian Bistro**.

For more on local dining, scan the QR code below. Stay in the know with our cool food stories, like Best Places to Find Hispanic Food and Snacks, at [huntsville.org/blog](http://huntsville.org/blog).

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**LET'S EAT!**





STRAIGHT TO ALE BREWERY



**DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE CRAFT COFFEE TRAIL**

Take a java journey for “latte” fun when you grab your **Craft Coffee Passport** and hit the trail for some of the area’s best cups of Joe. Get your stamps and score a Trail Mug.



**DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE CRAFT BEER TRAIL**

Bring your friends, grab a pint, and raise a toast to the brewmasters who create stouts, ales, lagers, and more as part of this fun trail. There’s a passport and a prize.



**DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE CRAFT COCKTAIL TRAIL**

For drinks shaken or stirred, local mixologists are ready to welcome you to their libation laboratories. Get stamped and score a specialty cocktail strainer.

**SCAN THESE CODES AND LET’S GET SIPPING**



**I LOVE COFFEE!**



**BREWING A GOOD TIME!**



**ROCKET CITY CHEERS!**



# We've got space.

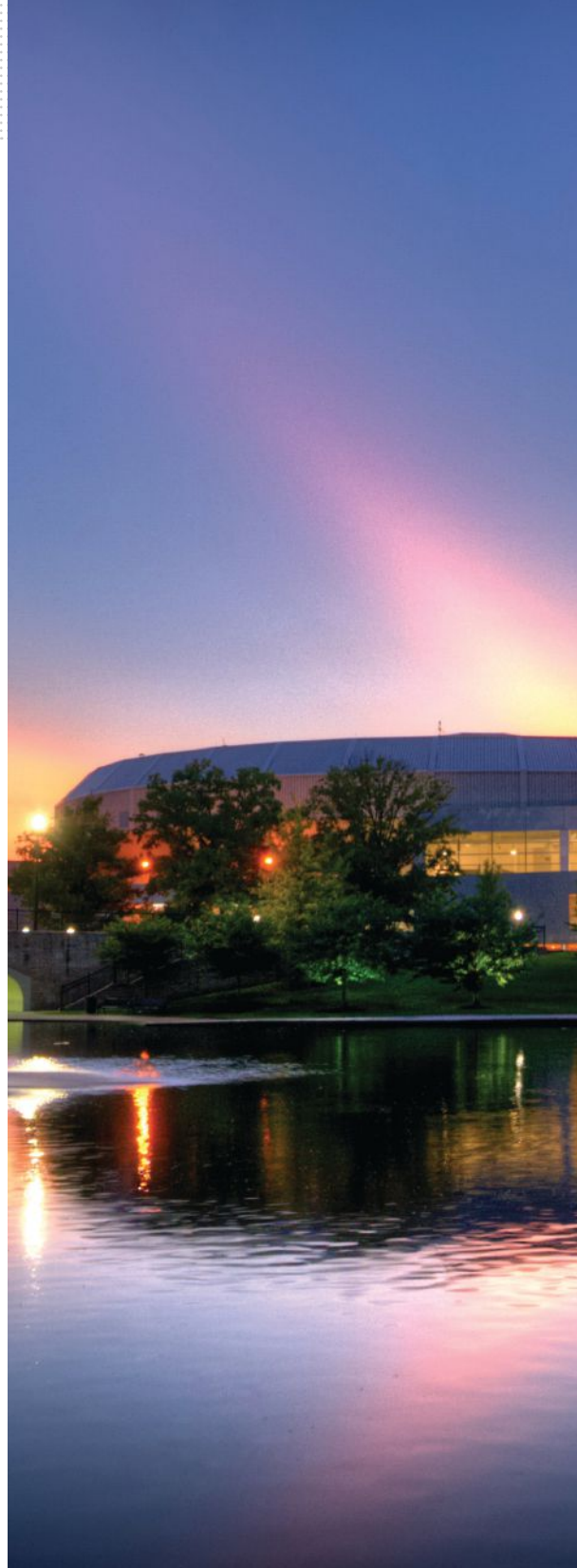
SPACE FOR YOUR CONVENTION OR MEETING. SPACE TO LEARN ON A FIELD TRIP OR WANDER ON A GROUP TOUR. SPACE TO PLAY AND ALWAYS SPACE FOR LOVE.



Learning from industry leaders and collaborating with kindred spirits can provide a spark of inspiration. In Huntsville, we're all about the next big thing. From the towering Saturn V Rocket at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center to the excitement for NASA's plans to travel to Mars with the Space Launch System, here, in The Rocket City, out-of-this-world experiences happen every day.

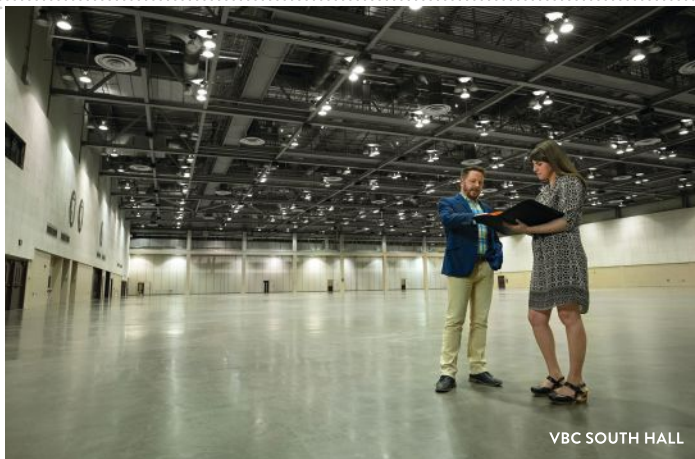
The star of our convention facilities is the sprawling, newly renovated **Von Braun Center**, or VBC for short. Overlooking the inviting landscape of **Big Spring International Park**, the VBC delivers more than 170,000 square feet of adaptable meeting, exhibit, and performance areas. With a convenient downtown location, convention and meeting attendees are just steps away from a variety of lodging, creative local restaurants, and charming shops.

The flexibility of the space allows for transformations to accommodate large-scale conventions and trade shows as well as break-out sessions, receptions, and banquets. Performance venues are ideal for concerts, shows, and ballet. The intimate **VBC Mars Music Hall** and **Rhythm on Monroe** restaurant are popular recent additions. With onsite catering, a top-notch technical support team, and a 500-space covered parking garage, the Von Braun Center seamlessly allows your convention to shine.





VON BRAUN CENTER



VBC SOUTH HALL



**WE HAVE COMPLIMENTARY SERVICES AND FRIENDLY PROS TO HELP YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.**

From handling your Request for Proposal with accommodations and meeting venues to arranging site inspections, our meetings team will be responsive and attentive during the entire process. We're here to help you.

Need someone to plan your daily itineraries and attendance-building communications? The staff of the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau are your go-to resource. How about assistance booking speakers and

entertainment or a unique off-site venue for a barbecue feast? We're raising our hand high to help.

Let's get started! To learn more about our meeting facilities, unique entertainment venues, available lodging, restaurants, and shops, visit us online, where you can view our Meeting Planner Guide.

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**NICE TO MEET YOU**



# Having big fun together

WHETHER ON A GROUP TOUR OR FIELD TRIP, PLAYING IN A SPORTS TOURNAMENT, GATHERING FOR A REUNION OR A WEDDING, GETTING TOGETHER CREATES PRECIOUS MEMORIES.



**YOUR GROUP CAN DISCOVER THE ROCKET CITY WITH THE EASE OF A TOUR BUS.** With so much to see and do, don't let the planning be overwhelming. Our staff is available to help, whether you

choose to visit the **U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville Botanical Garden**, our historic districts and museums, or an on-stage performance. We're also a convenient hub for regional tours that include other North Alabama must-see spots like the **Alabama Music Hall of Fame, Rattlesnake Saloon, Unclaimed Baggage, Jack Daniel's Distillery** in Tennessee, and the awe-inspiring **Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament**. Download a copy of our Group Tour Guide.

**GET YOUR PERMISSION SLIPS SIGNED; IT'S FIELD TRIP TIME!** Student and youth groups will love trading in their textbooks for hands-on educational experiences in Huntsville. Choose from a visit to the **U.S. Space & Rocket Center** or a longer camp option there, a step back in time at **Burritt on the Mountain** and **Alabama Constitution Hall Historic Park**, or an appreciation of arts at the **Huntsville Museum of Art**. Learn more. ▼ [huntsville.org/educational-escapes](https://huntsville.org/educational-escapes)

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FUN TOGETHER







BURRITT ON THE MOUNTAIN



INTUITIVE® PLANETARIUM

### HUNTSVILLE HAS GAME AND WE'RE READY TO PLAY!

If you're looking for a centrally located destination for your next sports event or tournament, look to Huntsville. The area is well equipped to welcome your soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, pickleball, or golf tournaments plus track meets and other high-energy competitions. Outstanding venues include the **Huntsville Tennis Center, Custom Archery Center, Agribition Center, Huntsville Aquatics Center, Huntsville Ice Sports Center** plus stadiums, raceways, parks, and lakes.



### CHOOSE A REUNION LOCATION THAT EVERYONE WILL ENJOY.

Some will get wide-eyed standing under a rocket, while others

will love strolling among acres of blooms. You'll have those who embrace the challenge of the **Downtown Craft Beer Trail** and others who explore trendy boutiques. No matter how many different likes you have in your class get-together, family reunion, or military meetup, picking Huntsville means that each person will enjoy reconnecting, telling stories, and exploring the city.



### HUNTSVILLE IS TO LOVE AND CHERISH AS A WEDDING DESTINATION.

Say "I do" from a lofty perch overlooking Huntsville at **Burritt on the Mountain**, or make your ceremony a blast under a suspended rocket at the **U.S. Space & Rocket Center**. Be surrounded by beauty at the **Huntsville Museum of Art** or **Huntsville Botanical**

**Garden.** Go for the unique at the **Historic Huntsville Depot Roundhouse**. Pick from an array of historic and modern venues like **Stovehouse** throughout the area. It's your day, your way.



### OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE YOU.

From the largest of conventions with thousands of attendees to the most intimate wedding, it is our honor to help groups and meetings of all sizes experience the very best of Huntsville. Our professional team knows and loves the area. This is our home, and we take great pride in welcoming you. Please let us know how we can be of service.





# Rest & relaxation *STAY IN STYLE*

CHOOSE FROM HOTELS, MOTELS,  
EXTENDED STAY, RV SPOTS & CAMPGROUNDS.

## WHERE TO LAY YOUR HEAD

when you visit Huntsville is an important decision. Knowing what you want to do can help you find the ideal spot. Do you plan to hike **Monte Sano State Park** or catch a concert at **The Orion Amphitheater**? Choose Downtown Huntsville for quick access to popular eateries. Stay in the **Bridge Street District** for shopping. If you are here for a **Trash Pandas** game, Madison makes a great choice. A spot in **Hampton Cove** puts you on the golf course faster.

## FROM BUDGET-FRIENDLY TO FULL SERVICE,

how pampered do you want to be? Opt for a luxury experience at one of our newer properties or stay with the affordable chain options that welcome your rewards points. Go for the great outdoors with RV parks and campgrounds. Stick around as long as you like with the convenience of an extended-stay property. Here in the Rocket City, it is all about finding the perfect fit for you, your family, your friends, and your coworkers.

## AMENITIES MAKE IT MORE THAN

just a place to sleep. It can be your vacation or business trip headquarters, a place where you start the day with a complimentary breakfast. It is the oasis where you enjoy a dip in the pool after a day of adventure or unwind at an on-site trendy bar. You can hit the exercise room after that decadent dessert. Even bring your pets, because they're part of the family too.

► [huntsville.org/hotels-lodging](https://huntsville.org/hotels-lodging)

## Accessibility Guide to Huntsville

HUNTSVILLE'S LEADERS AND BUSINESSES WANT TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE IS TRULY WELCOME HERE.

That means adaptive services for transportation, languages, wheelchair access, autism concerns, and more. Please reach out if you have questions about any of our local services and features.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

With Orbit Huntsville Transit, you can get around in shuttles equipped with wheelchair lifts. More specialized services are available with advance planning through a paratransit service. Rental car companies as well as local taxis and rideshare services are often able to accommodate special needs with notice.

### WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE.

One of our favorite bloggers, Cory Lee, recently shared his firsthand experience in Huntsville. He was able to navigate and enjoy several attractions, including the H.C. Blake Art & History Center,

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BLOG



HUNTSVILLE MUSEUM OF ART

downtown's outdoor Purple Cup Secret Art Trail, Campus No. 805, and plenty of local eateries. Check out his blog with a scan.

### AUTISM SERVICES.

Discover the welcoming design of the **Cove Universal Playground**, where all children can play together. Attend an event at the Von Braun Center where sensory bags are available for those who may feel overwhelmed by the environment.

### REMOVING LANGUAGE BARRIERS.

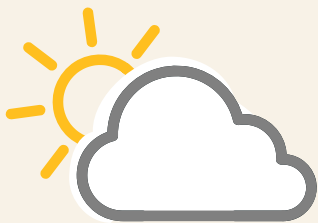
We can connect you with American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters and foreign language services to translate and keep the communication flowing.

More information and helpful links are available on our website.

► [huntsville.org/visitor-info/accessibility](https://huntsville.org/visitor-info/accessibility)

# ROCKET CITY 411

Will you need to pack your sandals, a light sweater, or a heavy coat? It all depends on when you will be visiting Huntsville. Stay in the know by updating your favorite weather app for Huntsville, Alabama, to check out the forecast for the days ahead. Our summers are warm and humid, springs and falls are mild. Winters sometime bring a light snow. Follow our local news channels and radio stations to stay weather aware during your stay: WAAY (ABC), WAFF (NBC), WHNT (CBS), WHDF (CW), and WZDX (Fox).



## Spring

Mar. | Apr. | May  
74° / 51°

## Summer

June | July | Aug.  
90° / 70°

## Fall

Sept. | Oct. | Nov.  
75° / 52°

## Winter

Dec. | Jan. | Feb.  
55° / 35°



Average Highs and Lows—Temperature source: weather.gov



## Time Zone

Central



## Emergency

911

## NUMBERS YOU MAY NEED

### HUNTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

(non-emergency)  
256.722.7100

### MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

(non-emergency)  
256.772.5685

### MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

(non-emergency)  
256.722.7181

ALABAMA POISON CENTER  
800.222.1222

HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL  
101 Sivley Rd.  
256.265.1000

CRESTWOOD HOSPITAL  
1 Hospital Dr. SW  
256.429.4000


## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please remain aware of current CDC advisements for travel.

# How to find us

HUNTSVILLE IS LOCATED IN NORTH ALABAMA AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY PLANE OR CAR.

Chicago, IL	9 hrs		2 hrs	
Columbus, OH	7.75 hrs		3.5 hrs	
Dallas, TX	10.25 hrs		1.75 hrs	
Denver, CO	18.5 hrs		2.75 hrs	
Houston, TX	11.75 hrs		1.75 hrs	
Louisville, KY	4.5 hrs		3 hrs	
Memphis, TN	3.75 hrs		3 hrs	
New Orleans, LA	6.5 hrs		3 hrs	
Orlando, FL	9.5 hrs		2 hrs	
Washington, D.C.	11.25 hrs		2 hrs	

 Indicates direct flights.

Additional direct flights are available for Charlotte, NC; Detroit, MI; Las Vegas, NV; Miami, FL; and Tampa, FL.



# How to get around

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The City of Huntsville public transit system provides convenient, fixed-route daily bus service weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday fixed-route service is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Paratransit service for those with disabilities is available on the same weekday and Saturday schedule. Download the Route Shout 2.0 mobile app for the most up-to-date schedule information.

## CYCLING

You can easily explore downtown Huntsville on two wheels with Downtown BlueBikes, a bikesharing program operated by Tandem Mobility and presented by BlueCross BlueShield. Stations are located throughout the downtown area. Find out more at [tandem-mobility.com/huntsville-blue-bikes](http://tandem-mobility.com/huntsville-blue-bikes).

## CAR RENTALS

Options for car rentals are available all over town. Make your Rocket City adventure all it can be by reserving a set of wheels at any of these helpful vendors: Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, Alamo, or Thrifty.

## TAXIS

No matter where you are in Huntsville, there are taxis that service every area. Heavily populated areas—like downtown, Huntsville International Airport, or anywhere in town during a big event—will often have cabs waiting around to give you a lift to your next destination.

## UBER & LYFT

Huntsville offers these rideshare services for those needing transportation at any time.

## HUNTSVILLE

### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Huntsville's airport (HSV) is a quick drive from downtown and offers nonstop service for popular destinations and hubs. Selected as the **#2 Best Small Airport in the U.S.** in 2021 by *USA Today* 10 Best, features include a connected Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, on-site dining, and car rental outlets. Airlines include: American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Silver Airways, Breeze Airways, and United Airlines. 256.772.9395, [flyhuntsville.com](http://flyhuntsville.com). Look for our Visitor Information Booth near baggage claim.

More information and helpful links are available on our website. ▼ [huntsville.org/visitor-info/transportation](http://huntsville.org/visitor-info/transportation)

# Frequently Asked Questions

## FAQs

STUMPED? WONDERING WHO TO ASK? GO AHEAD. RAISE YOUR HAND AND ASK THAT QUESTION. WE'VE GOT THE ANSWERS TO HELP YOU MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT TO HUNTSVILLE AND MADISON COUNTY.

### DO YOU HAVE ANY COUPONS OR DISCOUNTS?

Yes! Our Huntsville Attractions Pass is available for download at [huntsville.org/visitor-info](http://huntsville.org/visitor-info). Paper coupons can be found at our Visitor Center downtown and at the airport.

### IS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE?

Yes! The City of Huntsville public transit system runs fixed-route service weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on 11 routes with more than 130 bus stop locations. Paratransit service for those with disabilities is available on the same schedule. Visitors should download the Route Shout 2.0 mobile app to learn about the routes and locations. For more, visit [huntsvilleal.gov](http://huntsvilleal.gov).

### HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT WHAT'S NEW IN HUNTSVILLE?

For the latest news from The Rocket City, sign up for our "Hello Huntsville" E-blast. Each month we'll send you an update. Our #iHeartHsv blog is another great resource. Find both at [huntsville.org](http://huntsville.org).

### WHEN IS CULINARY MONTH AND HUNTSVILLE RESTAURANT WEEK?

Culinary Month is each August with Huntsville Restaurant Week serving as the main course.

### CAN I VISIT THE NASA MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AND REDSTONE ARSENAL?

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center offers exclusive daily bus tours (please confirm availability in advance) to these restricted locations. U.S. citizenship, supported by a government-issued ID, is required.

### WHERE CAN I FIND LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS?

Most food trucks vary their location each week to reach more people. The best way to track them down is on their social media channels. Start with our convenient list of trucks to narrow your search at [huntsville.org/foodtrucks](http://huntsville.org/foodtrucks).



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# Alabama Laws

## ALCOHOL

Madison County is “wet,” meaning alcohol sales are allowed throughout the county seven days a week. Alabama’s legal drinking age is 21. Drink responsibly and use a designated driver. Official entertainment districts allow for drinks, in designated cups, to be taken outside.

## DRIVING

Alabama’s distracted driving laws prohibit text messaging for all drivers. Alabama seat belt law requires all passengers to wear a seat belt. Obey posted speed limits.

## MOTORCYCLES/BICYCLES

When riding a motorcycle in Alabama, either as a driver or passenger, you must wear protective headgear that is designed specifically for motorcycle riders and passengers. Be aware of posted bike lanes and cyclists on the roads.

## CHILD SEATS

Alabama law requires children of certain ages and sizes to be seated in appropriate child car seats. Learn more about seat requirements at [alea.gov/dps](http://alea.gov/dps).

## PET FRIENDLY

Don’t be barking mad that you left your dog behind. Bring them to Huntsville and enjoy an array of pet-friendly options. Start your search with where to stay. Then look for great outdoor opportunities for hiking. Relax with a stop at a welcoming attraction, restaurant, or brewery. Learn more on our website with a scan below.

SCAN  
ME



PET  
FRIENDLY



# NAVIGATE

## POINTS OF INTEREST


- 1 Visitor Center (Exit 19) 
- 2 Von Braun Center
- 3 Big Spring International Park
- 4 City Hall
- 5 Huntsville Museum of Art
- 6 Bicentennial Park
- 7 EarlyWorks Children's Museum
- 8 Alabama Constitution Hall Park
- 9 Harrison Brothers Hardware
- 10 Weeden House Museum
- 11 Historic Huntsville Depot
- 12 Huntsville Veterans Memorial Park
- 13 Huntsville Metro Black Chamber of Commerce
- 14 Huntsville/Madison County Chamber
- 15 Orbit Shuttle Station
- 16 Lydia Gold Skatepark
- 17 City of Huntsville Dogspot
- 18 Mars Music Hall
- 19 Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment
- 20 Greene Street Market Store
- 21 Madison County Courthouse
- 22 Bad Axe Huntsville
- 23 The Clinton Row Project
- 24 The Garage at Clinton Row
- 25 Railroad Station Antiques and Rivenbark & Roper Antiques
- 26 Star Market
- 27 Publix

- A Embassy Suites Hotel
- B AC Hotel
- C Homewood Suites
- D 106 Jefferson
- E Hampton Inn & Suites Huntsville Downtown
- F SpringHill Suites

 **Hotels**

 **Green Spaces**

 **Parking**

 **One-Way Streets**

 **Arts & Entertainment Districts**  
(Quigley)  
Monday through Sunday noon-11 p.m.

# DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE



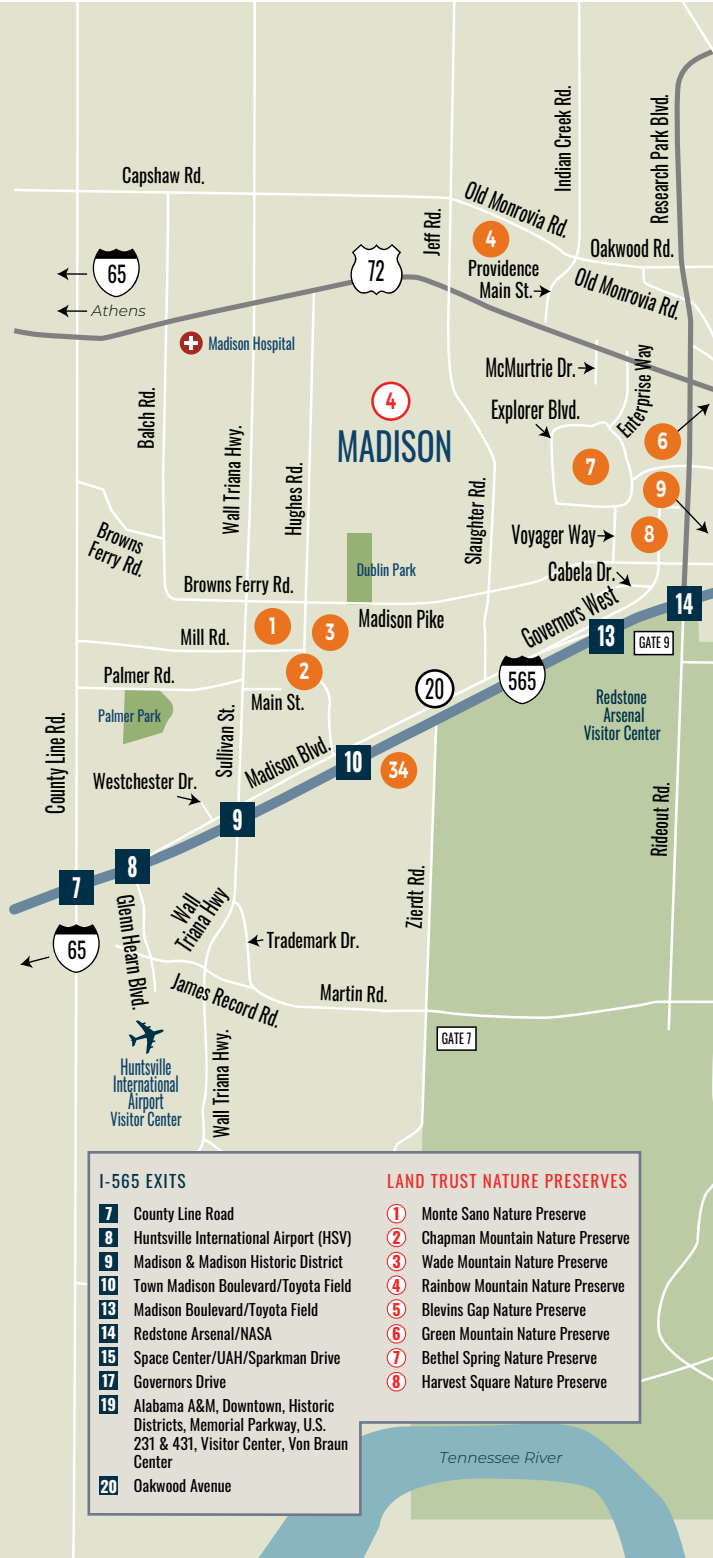




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## POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Madison City Hall
- 2 Insanity Complex
- 3 Madison Chamber of Commerce
- 4 Village of Providence
- 5 Oakwood University
- 6 MidCity District / Orion Amphitheater
- 7 Cummings Research Park West / Jackson Center
- 8 Bridge Street Town Centre
- 9 Calhoun College
- 10 U.S. Space & Rocket Center
- 11 University of Alabama in Huntsville
- 12 Huntsville Botanical Garden
- 13 Metro Kiwanis Sportsplex
- 14 Merrimack Hall
- 15 Campus No. 805
- 16 Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment
- 17 Parkway Place Mall
- 18 Huntsville Aquatics Center
- 19 John Hunt Park / Huntsville Ice Sports Center / Jaycee Community Building / U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum / Kids' Space
- 20 Huntsville Tennis Center / Huntsville Running Park / Sand Volleyball Courts
- 21 Maple Hill Cemetery
- 22 Historic Lowry House
- 23 Huntsville Dragway
- 24 Colonial Golf Course / Fox Run Golf Course
- 25 Alabama A&M University / State Black Archives Museum
- 26 North Alabama Railroad Museum
- 27 Monte Sano State Park
- 28 Burritt on the Mountain
- 29 Madison County Lake
- 30 Cathedral Caverns
- 31 RTJ Golf Trail at Hampton Cove
- 32 J.D. & Annie Hays Nature Preserve
- 33 Stovehouse
- 34 Toyota Field & Town Madison
- 35 Ditto Landing
- 36 Huntsville Speedway





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