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Tuska at Bryant-Denny Stadium
(Chris Granger,
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Your Perfect Tuscaloosa Weekend

No matter the season, Tuscaloosa buzzes with excitement year-round. Check out our local tips to make your trip to Tuscaloosa *perfect*.

FRIDAY

EVENING: Head downtown to see what T-Town is all about. Check out local favorites, from upscale pubs to trendy pizza bars. Grab dinner at **Avenue Pub** and start with the Conecuh + pimento green tomatoes, a quintessential Alabama dish. Enjoy a nightcap with a pint from **Black Warrior Brewing Company**.

Insider's Tip: Enjoy the popular tradition of *Live at the Plaza*, a free summer concert series at Government Plaza on Friday nights.

SATURDAY

MORNING: Fuel up with breakfast from **Babe's Doughnut + Coffee**. You can't go wrong with the Southwest wrap or Conecuh sausage kolache. Then head to the **Tuscaloosa Farmers Market** (at

the River Market) and buy the biggest tomatoes you've ever seen. Grab a treat to go, like **That Cheesecake's** famous white chocolate cheesecake.

Continue your morning along **The Riverwalk**, a paved trail that runs alongside the Black Warrior River. The trail features plenty of benches, gazebos and hammock-friendly trees for quick breaks (or a picnic!).

Insider's Tip: Marvel at Tuscaloosa's beauty from the water with a paddleboard rental from **Tuscaloosa Paddleboard**.

LUNCH: Head across the river to Northport's quaint downtown area for some barbecue at **Archibald & Woodrow's**. Located in a rustic shack, the restaurant was voted one of the South's Most Legendary Barbecue Joints by *Southern Living*.



Did You Know? Tuscaloosa is named after **Chief Tuskaloosa**, a Native American chief who had a fateful encounter with explorer **Hernando de Soto** in the 16th century.

After lunch, snap pics at local iconic spots. First up, the kids' favorite — a giant wire-art bunny that welcomes everyone to the **Kentuck Art Center**. Around the corner, you'll find the "**Roll Tide**" Bridge and **Mark's Mart**, home of the original Chicken Swirl.

AFTERNOON: Spend the rest of your afternoon shopping at **Midtown Village**, **University Mall** or downtown Tuscaloosa's cute shops and art galleries. When you need a caffeine break, visit **Heritage House**.

EVENING: Catch a concert under the stars at **Tuscaloosa Amphitheater**. Everybody from the latest country stars to rock legends perform here. The historic **Bama Theatre** or **Druid City Music Hall** are also great choices for a show. For a quieter evening, enjoy the sunset over the Black Warrior River — you can do so from **The Lookout**, a rooftop bar at Hotel Indigo.

Insider's Tip: Looking for a restaurant with something for everyone? Chuck's has a diverse menu of seafood, pizza and sushi.

SUNDAY

MORNING: Discover local history, starting with a stop at **Capitol Park**, the former site of the state capitol in the 1800s. Explore the **Tuscaloosa Civil Rights Trail**, where you'll meet men and women crucial to the Civil Rights Movement. You can also visit **Moundville Archaeological Park**, a Native American heritage site once home to the largest city north of Mexico.

LUNCH (OR BRUNCH!): Some say there's nothing more Tuscaloosa than Tex-Mex restaurant **Taco Casa**, a favorite of former University of Alabama (UA) cheerleader and homecoming queen Sela Ward. Enjoy tacos, nachos and the perfect sweet tea.

Insider's Tip: For an upscale option with a delicious burger, try River, or the chicken and waffles with a side of live jazz at Five.

AFTERNOON: Explore the **UA campus**. Walk through the **Quad**, a 22-acre greenspace flanked by beautiful architecture.

Insider's Tip: Traveling with little ones? Palmore Park has a splash pad.

EVENING: After a weekend of excitement, wind down with a wine flight from **The Wine Market** or a specialty cocktail from **Session**. Or enjoy the fajita gumbo and a margarita at **Jalapeños Mexican Grill**.



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Roll Tide! WELCOME TO THE ULTIMATE SPORTS DESTINATION

Tuscaloosa isn't just home to the 18-time national champion Crimson Tide football team — there's also a slew of other collegiate sports at UA, Stillman College and Shelton State Community College, plus tons of 'Bama traditions. Here's a look at T-Town's best sports offerings.

There's nowhere else we'd rather be than in Tuscaloosa with 100,000 of our closest friends. Roll Tide! Experience these can't-miss 'Bama traditions for the perfect football game day in the City of Champions.

GET UP, IT'S GAME DAY!

Rama Jama's: Kick off game day with a National Champion BLT — currently, that's 18 strips of bacon — at Rama Jama's, a diner steeped in 'Bama tradition. It's located in the shadow of Bryant-Denny Stadium, and the walls are filled with all things Crimson Tide.

Tailgating on the Quad: Join thousands of 'Bama fans on the Quad, where you can munch on delicious game day food, play cornhole and watch football before heading to the stadium.

Walk of Champions: Cheer on UA players and coaches along the Walk of Champions, about two hours before kickoff. Fans start lining up early, so while you wait, take your picture with Nick Saban's statue and Tuska, a humongous bronze elephant.

Coca-Cola Kickoff Zone: Let the kids loose at the North End of Bryant-Denny, where they can play fun inflatable games and meet former players during autograph sessions.

The Elephant Stomp: Listen to the Million Dollar Band perform UA's fight song, "Yea, Alabama," along with the cheerleaders on the steps of Gorgas Library about an hour before kickoff.



Bryant-Denny Stadium
(Crimson Tide Photos / University of
Alabama Athletics)

Gallettes: It wouldn't be game day without indulging in a famous Yellow Hammer from Gallettes! This potent tailgate cocktail is served in iconic yellow plastic tumblers. While the recipe is a secret, some guess it's a mix of vodka, rum, amaretto, and orange and pineapple juices.

🎵 *Rammer Jammer, Yellow Hammer
Give 'em hell, Alabama!* 🎵

WATCH THE TIDE WIN (AND CELEBRATE)!

Football Game: Cheer the Crimson Tide to victory in the electric atmosphere of Bryant-Denny Stadium. Sway to "Dixieland Delight," shake your pompom, order Dreamland BBQ nachos or a stadium dog, and sing "Rammer Jammer" after the win!

The Strip: After 'Bama wins, the Strip is the place to be! It's a street near the stadium with college-town vibes, shops for game day gear, bars like The Houndstooth Sports Bar, and a Waffle House to satiate those late-night cravings.

MAKE ANY DAY GAME DAY!

Not a football weekend? We've got you! All 'Bama sports have energetic atmospheres and fun for the whole family. Cheer on basketball, gymnastics, softball, baseball, tennis and more. Plus, check out other staples of UA sports, such as museums and classic traditions.

Visit the **Paul W. Bryant Museum** and see artifacts, memorabilia and historic videos telling the special story of Alabama football. Around the corner, you'll hear the ringing from **Denny Chimes**, a beautiful



Did You Know? UA boasts **26 national championships** and over **100 SEC championships** across all sports!

piece of architecture that chimes every 15 minutes.

Surrounding Denny Chimes, you'll find the **Walk of Fame**, where former football captains have imprinted their hands and feet into the concrete. Compare yours to theirs — and snap a pic! Round out your day with a visit to **Bryant-Denny Stadium** to see the **Walk of Champions**, meet national-champion coaches along the **Coaches Walk** and pose in front of **Tuska**.

GRAB YOUR GAME DAY GEAR!

Our shops can dress you from head to toe in crimson-and-white apparel — even your pets. Check out the **Locker Room** (a local gem for men's clothing), the **Supe Store** on campus, **Alumni Hall** in midtown, **Alabama Express** on the Strip and **Alabama Vintage** in downtown.



TAKE A TIMEOUT FOR SOME GRUB

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Lake Tuscaloosa

Into the Wild:

EXPLORE WEST ALABAMA'S GREAT OUTDOORS

From hiking and fishing to biking, boating and more, Tuscaloosa County is the perfect playground for outdoor enthusiasts.

Whether you're chasing adrenaline-fueled adventure or looking for a leisurely stroll in the sun, Tuscaloosa's proximity to countless lakes, rivers and trails gives visitors easy access to the great outdoors. Discover how to experience the best of Mother Nature.

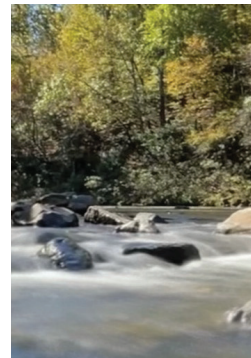
RIVER RANGERS

The heart of Tuscaloosa is the **Black Warrior River**, and the **Tuscaloosa Riverwalk** is a testament to the city's adoration

of this waterway. With 4.2 miles of woody, pet-friendly paths along the river's southern bank — plus a playground and splash pad for the littles — there's fun to be had around every bend.

The new **Randall Family Park and Trailhead** along the northern bank of The Riverwalk adds to the excitement, offering additional places to play, explore and revel in the river's beauty. Tuscaloosa's neighboring city, **Northport**, also offers a paved path connecting guests to its historic downtown.

Hurricane Creek
(@trailtherapyal
Instagram)



PLAYTIME PROS

Thanks to the city's array of parks and playgrounds, playtime is never far away. At the sprawling **Sokol Park**, discover bike trails, playfields and **Mason's Place**, the city's first public all-inclusive playground, designed to allow children of all ages and abilities to play together.

Hurricane Creek Park is home to a creek with multiple swimming holes, rope swings and waterfalls, plus about 7 miles of hiking trails. To check out more parks and playgrounds, visit tcpara.org.

If a round of golf is more your speed, head to **Ol' Colony Golf Course**. Fun fact: The 18-hole, public course is also home to the UA golf teams.

LAKE LOVERS AND CAMPING CONNOISSEURS

Lake Lurleen State Park is only 9 miles from Tuscaloosa, but this scenic retreat feels worlds away from the hustle of Tuscaloosa on game day. The park features 91 campsites with water and electric hookups, but the real star of the show is the lake itself and its 23 miles of shore-hugging trails that beckon hikers and bikers alike.

Other local favorites include **Lake Nicol**, which is popular with bird-watchers and

paddleboarders, and **Harris Lake**, where you'll often find locals going for a swim or relaxing in a hammock. Venture a bit farther afield to discover **Deerlick Creek Campground**, where 46 campsites are nestled in a forest along the shores of **Holt Lake**.



FISHING FANATICS

Anglers in Tuscaloosa don't have to travel far to find a place to cast their lines. The **Black Warrior River** runs right through town and contains thousands of spotted bass per river mile, making it a dream destination for fishing. Just 5 miles north of town is **Lake Tuscaloosa**, a man-made reservoir with nearly 180 miles of shoreline perfect for fishing. When you're ready to put a boat in the water, check out VisitTuscaloosa.com for boat landings in the area.



TAKE A DIP!

Scan the QR code or go to visittuscaloosa.com to check out the seven best swimming holes in Tuscaloosa!



Explore Like a Local:

YOUR BUCKET LIST FOR FUN IN TUSCALOOSA AND NORTHPORT

Whether you're searching for family-friendly fun, the perfect date-night spot or an outing with friends, here's your ultimate guide to fun in Tuscaloosa and Northport.



EXPERIENCE ANCIENT HISTORY

UA's **Moundville Archaeological Park** is one of the nation's leading Native American heritage sites. Called "The Big Apple of the 14th Century" by *National Geographic*, the park was the site of a powerful prehistoric community that, at its peak, was America's largest city north of Mexico.

If You Go: Don't miss the museum's immersive exhibit, "Lost Realm of the Black Warrior," which features more than 200 ancient artifacts, re-created scenes with lifelike figures and a multimedia show.

Clockwise from left: Moundville Archaeological Park, Alabama Museum of Natural History, Denny Chimes



SAMPLE SOUTHERN FARE

While the South is known for homestyle comfort food, it's also home to a vast network of artisans and farmers offering an array of hyper-local produce, crafts and baked goods. Taste what's in season every Saturday at the **Tuscaloosa River Market** overlooking the Black Warrior River.

If You Go: Pick up a cup of locally roasted coffee and enjoy a stroll along The Riverwalk for the perfect, slow-paced Saturday morning.

TREAT YOUR KIDS TO A DAY OF PLAY

Most museums are torture for kids who want to touch everything they see — and for the parents who have to restrain them. But at the **Children's Hands-On Museum**, kids are encouraged to engage and play with the interactive exhibits, making for a stress-free day of fun.



If You Go: Every second Saturday of the month, the museum hosts educational activities on topics like space, the Arctic and animals.

SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS

The heart and soul of the region's art scene, the **Kentuck Art Center and Festival** is an experiential arts and culture economic engine located in historic downtown Northport. On any given day in **Kentuck's Courtyard of Wonders**, you can watch a ceramic bowl emerge from a lump of clay, folk artists at work or a weathervane grow from hammered metal in a blacksmith's forge.

If You Go: Pop in to the Kentuck Gallery Shop to buy your own piece of Alabama art.



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Must-See:

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CAMPUS

A trip to Tuscaloosa isn't complete without a visit to the home of the Crimson Tide, one of the most legendary names in sports. From cherry blossoms in spring to golden leaves in fall, plus a mix of classic and modern architecture, the UA campus ranks among the very best in the nation. Here's what not to miss on your campus tour:

- **The Paul W. Bryant Museum:** Opened in 1988, this extensive collection of UA memorabilia pays homage to beloved former football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.
- **The Alabama Museum of Natural History:** Discover the ancient life, archaeological past and natural beauty of Alabama through exhibits that tell stories dating back 500 million years.
- **The Mildred Westervelt Warner Transportation Museum:** Explore exciting exhibits that revolve around transportation-related topics that gave rise to Tuscaloosa's development and human culture.

A Rich History

History runs deep in Tuscaloosa County. Dive into the area's past to understand how it shaped the present.



The Battle-Friedman House
(Lance Holloway Productions)



Paul R. Jones
Gallery

The Tuscaloosa Civil Rights Trail

You may have heard of events in Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham — but have you heard of the Civil Rights Movement in Tuscaloosa? Through the courageous efforts of many foot soldiers, the color barrier was broken down over the years. The **Tuscaloosa Civil Rights Trail** was created to share those stories — many untold. The trail is a self-guided walking tour through downtown Tuscaloosa with a total of 18 stops that focus on stories such as:

- **Gov. George Wallace's** stand in the schoolhouse door at the University of Alabama's Foster Auditorium.
- The peaceful protest on June 9, 1964, that was led by **local pastors** and inspired by the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, which later became known as "Bloody Tuesday."
- How the United Klans of America headquarters, based in Tuscaloosa, was shuttered and the Ku Klux Klan **became bankrupt**.
- The **Rev. Thomas Linton**, a local barber who formed mass meetings, helped secure

SNAPSHOTS FROM HISTORY: TOUR FOUR HISTORIC TUSCALOOSA HOMES

1827

Home to one of the oldest structures in Tuscaloosa, **The Old Tavern** was built in 1827 on Broad Street (now University Blvd.) in downtown Tuscaloosa. It was built as an inn and gathering place and was ideally situated just down the road from the new Capitol building.

1835

Prominent merchant Alfred Battle built a home but later lost it to foreclosure. Bernard Friedman, a Jewish industrialist, purchased the home and it remained in his family until 1965. **The Battle-Friedman House** is now a historic house, museum and event center.

1859

Construction began on this home with Sen. Robert Jemison Jr. Generations of the Jemison family lived in the home, which has also been used as a library. In 1991, the **Jamison-Van de Graaf Mansion** opened as a museum to highlight Tuscaloosa history.

1923

Will and Laura Murphy hired Black contractors to build the Craftsman bungalow using materials salvaged from the burned remnants of the Capitol building. In 1986, the city turned the home into the **Murphy African-American Museum** to celebrate local African American culture.

For more info about these homes and available tour hours, visit historictuscaloosa.org.

jobs for Black members of the community and helped individuals such as **Autherine Lucy**, UA's first African American student, enroll in classes.

- The **Old Jail** and the site where lynching took place.

- Renowned art collector **Paul R. Jones** and his donation of more than 1,700 works of African American art to UA. This was monumental because Jones was accepted into the UA Law School but was then rejected when the school found out he was Black. The donated art is on display at the **Paul R. Jones Gallery** and is considered among the largest collections of African American art in the world.



HIT THE TRAIL!

Interested in a group tour or want to learn more? Scan the **QR code** to visit civilrightstuscaloosa.org.



Tuscaloosa's Must-Try Restaurants

Whether you crave comfort food, pub fare or fine cuisine, you'll get your fill in Tuscaloosa. Plus, a few bonus favorites in Northport, Tuscaloosa's neighboring city.

Bryant-Denny Stadium isn't the only place you'll find a legacy of traditions in the Druid City — it's also home to a rich culinary heritage. Along with a lengthy list of popular chain franchises, you'll find homegrown favorites sure to please any palate. Here's where to go when hunger hits.

CLASSIC SOUTHERN FARE

If you only have time for one meal in Tuscaloosa, make it barbecue. From **Archibald & Woodrow's** and **Dreamland BBQ** — which have repeatedly been recognized as some of the top BBQ joints in the country — to **Thomas Rib Shack**, this is a city that knows how to do ribs right.

For other regional favorites like biscuit sandwiches and pimento cheese dip, head to **Southern Ale House**, and for the best in Southern seafood, grab a table at **Half Shell Oyster House**.

What Locals Like: A staple in downtown Northport since 1931, **City Cafe** was lauded by Oprah Magazine as one of the two best eating

spots in Alabama. "City Cafe in Northport offers Southern-style mains, like chicken-fried steak and fried chicken livers, partnered with three or four comfort sides, including fried green tomatoes and stewed squash."

INNOVATIVE FINE DINING

Named for Chuck Morgan, an icon of the Civil Rights Movement, **Chuck's Fish** has been a Tuscaloosa institution since 2006. All the featured fish at Chuck's comes from the family's own wholesale market at Harbor Docks, and the sushi counter is managed by renowned chef Yoshie Eddings.



Heritage House Coffee and Tea
(Chris Granger, Alabama Tourism Department)

For Southern cuisine with a hyperlocal spin and Creole twist, enjoy an evening at **Side By Side**, which uses only the freshest ingredients from local artisan farms. For an urban dining experience, check out **River Restaurant**, located on the banks of the Black Warrior River.

What Locals Like: Served with marinated arugula and horseradish crème fraîche, the fried oysters at Evangeline's have converted even the staunchest anti-oyster foodie.

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS

Once you've had your fill of Southern favorites, discover Tuscaloosa's global cuisine scene. Locals flock to **DePalma's Italian Cafe** for pizza, pasta and calzones and to **Taco Mama** for tacos and margaritas in a lively outdoor setting. And if you're looking for a liquid lunch, check out **Sage Juice Bar & Speakeasy**, where you can detox with a green juice by day and retox with craft cocktails after dark.

What Locals Like: Central Mesa's street tacos are a fan favorite and are made even better when paired with a Ranch Water

cocktail (tequila, chile liqueur, lime, Tajín, soda water).

FIND YOUR MORNING FIX

Start your day like the locals at one of these buzzworthy coffee shops — just a few of the several around town.

Turbo Coffee: Locally roasted beans make for great coffee across the board, but Turbo's signature beverages are what set it apart. Try a Cold Brew Tonic (cold brew mixed with Topo Chico mineral water) or a Green Eye (matcha tea latte with espresso).

Monarch Espresso Bar: Everyone is welcome at Monarch. This is where locals go to get out of the house, read a book for pleasure, play a board game or sip a salted caramel latte with a friend.

Heritage House: When it opened in 1993, Heritage House was Tuscaloosa's only coffee shop. Much has changed in the last 30 years, but one thing remains the same — locals frequent Heritage House for great coffee and a huge selection of tea.



EXCELLENT EATS

Scan the QR code or go to visittuscaloosa.com for a full list of places to eat in Tuscaloosa (and Northport)!

TCL Local Spotlight

SHARON THOMAS

Co-Owner of **Thomas Rib Shack**

Thomas Rib Shack is a “meat-and-three” restaurant that’s never advertised but has thrived for over 50 years. And that’s because the food speaks for itself. “If you have good food, the people will come,” says second-generation co-owner Sharon Thomas.

The Southern dishes are down-home, authentic and consistent, served in a family-first atmosphere (yep, her kids work there too). Sharon remembers her parents perfecting their famous BBQ sauce in the kitchen when she was just 11 years old, and it’s been the same ever since. That’s what keeps people coming back for more.



What to Expect: “Nothing fancy. Just us.” And that’s more than enough.

Must-Try: The classic fried chicken, fall-off-the-bone ribs, mac and cheese, cornbread.



Best Bars & Breweries

Whether you're looking for a taste of college nightlife, a craft beer or a glass of wine, Tuscaloosa's bars and breweries don't disappoint.

When it comes to the sipping, socializing scene, Tuscaloosa has a lot to offer. The bevy of breweries, wine and cocktail bars, and college hangouts will quench your thirst for a night on the town.

small-batch and seasonal beers that are brewed on-site. Order a pint of Broad Street Brown or Bama Blonde Ale to sip in the taproom or head upstairs for a game of cornhole or shuffleboard.

What to Expect: Laidback vibes
Best Beverage: River Fog New England IPA

Bear Trap Rooftop Bar: Craving bar bites? The menu at the popular rooftop bar includes bacon cheeseburgers, chili cheese dogs and mac-and-cheese fries. The late-night menu (served from 9 p.m. to midnight) is also a huge hit, but it's the rockin' atmosphere that draws crowds.

What to Expect: College nightlife
Best Beverage: Whatever's on tap

Black Warrior Brewing Company: The barbershop-turned-brewery on University Boulevard is known for

The Wine Market: One of the newest additions to the downtown dining scene offers the perfect gathering spot for a night



TCL Local Spotlight

BO HICKS

Owner of **Druid City Brewing**

Tuscaloosa's first craft brewery has some serious hometown pride: The brewery has local artwork on the walls and local musicians jamming away — and it brews some of the best craft beers in town. Visitors and locals, students and young pros, musicians and artists all congregate at Bo Hicks' Druid City Brewing — and on any given night, you can enjoy music, bingo, open mic night and trivia.

Often sporting his signature blue glasses, Bo regularly cooks up large batches of soup, grills Conecuh dogs and makes smoked “bo”-logna sandwiches. The brewery fosters a community-centered atmosphere, where original music, arts and poetry thrive — and where Bo hopes you'll leave inspired.

What to Expect: A craft brewery that's not pretentious. Delicious beers inspired by the local community.

Best Beverage: The Parkview Porter

on the town. Pair a glass of red, white or rosé wine with items from the small-plates menu. The charcuterie board and baked brie are crowd favorites.

What to Expect: Date night, girls' night out
Best Beverage: It's always a good time for rosé

Session Cocktails: The modern speakeasy specializes in pre-Prohibition and classic cocktails like the gimlet, Moscow mule and old-fashioned. Struggling to pick just one from the extensive menu? Ask the bartenders about their favorites.

What to Expect: Happy hour, late-night cocktails
Best Beverage: The 1-2 punch that results from the Serenity Now and Insanity Later

The Lookout: Located on the rooftop of Hotel Indigo, the restaurant offers amazing views of the Black Warrior River. The combination of comfort food (hello, black bean burgers and BBQ nachos), beer/wine/cocktail menu and second-to-none setting makes this a standout.

What to Expect: Upscale casual
Best Beverage: Farmer's Market Lemonade

Gallettes: In a town known for tailgating, Gallettes is iconic. With Bryant-Denny Stadium as the backdrop, this dive bar has been a Tuscaloosa tradition since 1976. It's the heart of the nightlife scene for 'Bama students and serves packed crowds on weekends.

What to Expect: College nightlife
Best Beverage: Yellow Hammer



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Arts & Entertainment That Excite

Tuscaloosa's burgeoning arts and entertainment scene boasts art galleries, festivals, free concerts, plays and more.

Druid City Arts Festival: Marvel at the works of contemporary, craft and heritage artists, from sculptures and painting to wood and metalwork. Enjoy live music, local food trucks, hands-on demonstrations for the kiddos and more as Government Plaza transforms into an arts and culture hub. The annual festival happens in either April or May each year.

The Kentuck Festival of the Arts: Billed as one of the "Best of Bama," over 260 visual and spoken-word artists and musicians come together to celebrate the arts during this nationally known annual festival.

Live at the Plaza: This free summer concert series happens every Friday evening in June and July at Government Plaza.

Bama Theatre: A cornerstone of the arts and culture community since it opened in 1938, the historic theater offers an extensive calendar that includes the Bama Art House Film Series, concerts and live performances staged by local arts organizations.

Theatre Tuscaloosa: Operated in partnership with Shelton State Community College, it's one of the largest community theaters in the state. Actors take the stage at Bean-Brown Theatre on campus to perform everything from comedies and dramas to Broadway musicals.

Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center: The Arts Council manages the arts

center, which includes two galleries that feature rotating exhibits with works from local and regional artists, plus two theaters for live performances.

Druid City Music Hall: The venue is considered a staple in the Tuscaloosa music scene and boasts a full calendar of concerts ranging from rock and pop to indie and folk.

Tuscaloosa Amphitheater: Located on the banks of the Black Warrior River, the 15-acre venue is the largest outdoor theater in the region. This "Best of Bama" destination features national touring acts, plus special events like the annual 4th of July celebration.

Art Night: In the heart of historic downtown Northport, Kentuck's Art Night is the first Thursday each month and is free to attend. Enjoy exhibition openings, open artists' studios, live music, pop-up shops from local vendors, food and more.

First Friday: On the first Friday of every month, galleries, restaurants and shops in downtown Tuscaloosa host an art walk event, where you can view local art, hear live music and explore the local arts scene.



SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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We attribute our success to our dedication and commitment to customer satisfaction. Townsend Nissan employees are passionate about serving our community beyond selling and servicing vehicles.

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