

The
SUMMER
GUIDE

TO BIRMINGHAM, AL

CONCERTS *and* EVENTS

JUNE

PrideFest

Jun 14 | Linn Park

Mrs. Doubtfire - Broadway in Birmingham

Jun 16-21 | BJCC

Lemon Drop Festival

Jun 20 | Sloss Furnaces

Father's Day

Jun 21 | see the Father's Day page

Hank Williams Jr.

Jun 26 | Coca-Cola Amphitheater

Rufus Du Sol

Jun 30 | Coca-Cola Amphitheater

JULY

Birmingham Barons

Jul 4 | Regions Field

Thunder on the Mountain + Vulcan Park

Jul 4 | Downtown Homewood

Field & Stage Music Fest

Jul 17-18 | BJCC

Usher + Chris Brown: The R&B Tour

Jun 28-29 | Protective Stadium

AUGUST

Tim McGraw

Aug 13 | Coca-Cola Amphitheater

5 Seconds of Summer

Aug 16 | Coca-Cola Amphitheater

Sidewalk Film Festival

Aug 24-30 | Downtown Historic Theatre District

Benson Boone: Wanted Man Tour

Aug 28 | BJCC



SUMMER *vacations*

STAYCATIONS

Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa – Treat it like a full resort weekend without the airport.

The Elyton Hotel – Downtown Birmingham's boutique hotel in a stunning 1920s building. Rooftop bar with skyline views, walkable to all the best dining and nightlife. A great staycation home base.

Grand Bohemian Hotel Mountain Brook – Luxury boutique hotel with a great art collection and one of the better hotel dining experiences in the city. Mountain Brook location keeps you close to all the OTM spots.

Airbnb – stay in the heart of the city without leaving home

Camp at Oak Mountain State Park – Alabama's largest State Park is open for year-round camping with hiking, beach area, and more.

UNDER 4 HOUR DRIVE

30A – The Gulf Coast's best stretch. Emerald water, white sand, walkable beach towns with incredible food and boutiques.

Chateau Elan – A 3,500-acre winery resort just 40 minutes north of Atlanta. Feels like Napa without the flight. Combine with a Braves weekend in Atlanta.

Atlanta Braves Weekend at Truist Park – The Battery Atlanta is one of the best ballpark experiences in the country. Great restaurants, shops, and entertainment right outside the stadium. Stay at Chateau Elan on the way.

Chattanooga, Tennessee – The Tennessee Aquarium alone is worth the drive: 10,000 animals, river otters, stingrays, giant catfish, and a stunning living forest canopy. Add the riverfront, mountain biking at Raccoon Mountain, and a lunch at Public House or Urban Stack for a full day you'll repeat every summer.



FARMERS *markets*

THE MARKET AT PEPPER PLACE

Every Saturday
Jan 31 - Dec 12, 7am-Noon
2829 2nd Avenue South

VESTAVIA HILLS FARMERS MARKET

Every Wednesday
Jun 1 - Jul 31, 9am-1pm
Vestavia Hills City Center

MARKET AT BROCK'S GAP

Every Saturday
Feb 1 - Nov 30, 8am-Noon
500 Mineral Trace, Hoover

IRONDALE FARMERS & MAKERS MARKET

Every Saturday
May 23 - Aug 1, 8am-11am
Irondale City Hall



FOR the KIDS



CAMPS

Zoo Camp, *Birmingham Zoo*

STEAM Camp, *McWane Science Center*

Excellence Through Fundamentals Soccer Camp,
Homewood & Alabaster

YMCA Day Camp, *Shades Valley YMCA*

Homewood Parks & Rec Summer Camp, *Homewood*

Highlands School Summer Camp, *Highlands*

ADVENTURES

Pump It Up! *Trussville*

Alabama Adventure & Splash Adventure, *Bessemer*

Moss Rock Trail, *The Preserve*

KID FRIENDLY EATS

Vecchia Pizza, *The Preserve*

Martin's BBQ, *Cahaba Heights*

Bendy's Ice Cream, *Cahaba Heights*

Brock's Gap Brewery, *Hoover*

(huge green space, food trucks, and scheduled live music)

The Little Donkey, *Homewood*

CELEBRATE *father's* DAY

ADVENTURES

Red Mountain Park

15 miles of trails. Take him for an early morning trail run or hike before the heat.
Off Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham

Ross Bridge Golf Resort

One of the world's longest courses at 8,191 yards. Stunning lake views through Shannon Valley.
4000 Grand Ave, Hoover

RESTAURANTS

Miss Myra's Pit Bar-B-Q

A Birmingham institution since 1984.
Cahaba Heights

Rodney Scott's BBQ

Award-winning whole-hog BBQ right in Homewood.
Downtown Homewood

Armour House

The most talked-about steakhouse in Birmingham right now. Make a reservation.
Downtown Birmingham

Bricktops

Upscale American with an incredible dining room and great wine.
Highway 280, Homewood

LOCAL GIFTS

Alabama Outdoors

Everything he actually needs for summer, all from a great local outdoor retailer.
Homewood

ABSCO Fireplace & Patio

Everything a dad needs to upgrade the backyard setup.
Birmingham & Pelham

Alabama Goods

Everything Alabama in one place. Gourmet foods, artisan crafts, local products.
Homewood



SUMMER *bucket* LIST



- ☐ Kayak the Cahaba River
- ☐ Pick Blueberries at a Local Farm (Holmestead Farm in Talladega and Lang's Blueberry Farm in Coker are both within an hour)
- ☐ Dive at Blue Water's Indoor Scuba Park
- ☐ Bike the Lakeshore Trail
- ☐ Full Day at Oak Mountain Beach
- ☐ Birmingham Barons Game at Regions Field
- ☐ Catch a Concert at the Coca-Cola Amphitheater
- ☐ Happy Hour at Bottega Cafe's Courtyard
- ☐ Spend the day at the Birmingham Museum of Art
- ☐ Visit DeSoto State Park and Little River Falls in Mentone
- ☐ Farmer's Market Bingo - spend a day at each one this summer!
- ☐ Visit Barber Motorsports Park & Museum
- ☐ Movies on the Mountain at Vulcan Park
- ☐ Spend the day at Railroad Park
- ☐ Catch a movie at the Grand River Drive-In
- ☐ Top Golf Outing
- ☐ Visit Alabama Safari Park

SUMMER *eats* *and* DRINKS

COFFEE

The Pink Lantern

Vietnamese coffee by day, craft cocktails after 4pm.

2400 1st Ave N, Downtown Birmingham

FILTER Coffee Parlor

Sourcing from local Alabama roasters. Quiet and excellent in Five Points South.

1927 11th Ave S

Frothy Monkey

Coffee, bakery, & full food menu
Homewood & Downtown Birmingham

Seeds Coffee Co.

The best cold brew in the metro.
Homewood

Domestique Coffee

One of the World's 100 Best Coffee Shops.
6th Ave, Downtown Birmingham

DINING

PIZZERIA GM

Wood-fired pizza, small plates, and one of the best outdoor spaces in Homewood. Get there early on weekends.

600 Oak Grove Rd, Homewood

Automatic Seafood & Oysters

Gulf seafood and oysters. Brunch Sat-Sun 10:30am. Reservations recommended.

2824 5th Ave S

Shiki

One of the best patios in Homewood. Small, convenient, Asian fusion done right.

300 Hallman Hill E, Suite 109, Homewood

Bottega

Date night. Fresh pasta, an incredible wine list.

2240 Highland Ave S

Gianmarco's

The seafood fra diavolo is exactly as good as everyone says. Reservations required.

721 Broadway St, Homewood

Helen

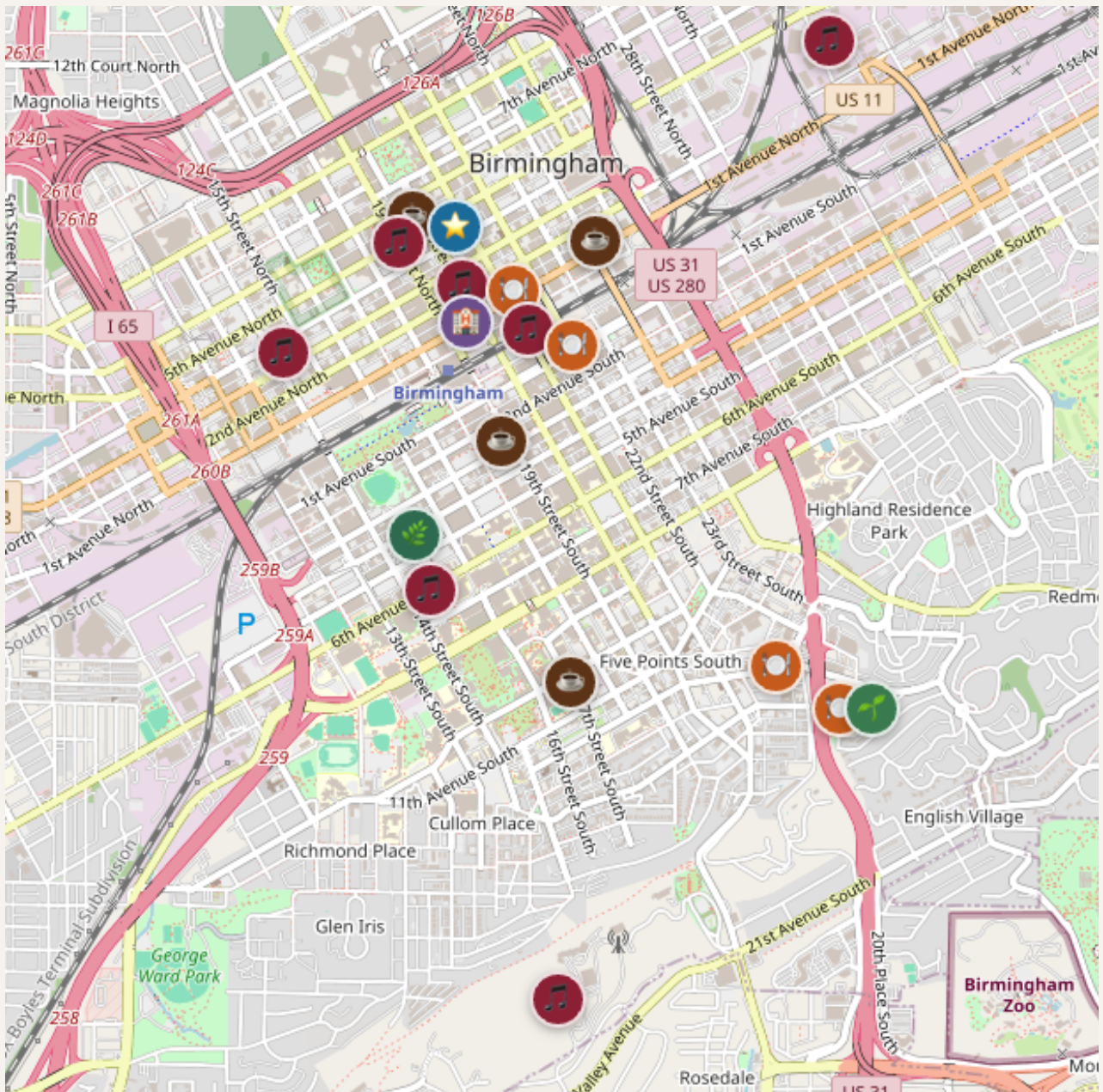
Contemporary Southern grill, Michelin-recognized. Make a reservation.

2013 2nd Ave N



ACCESS *the* LIVE MAP

The best local activities in an
interactive map.



Access the live map at maryreaddurkin.com/summer-guide



Hey, I'm Mary Reed

I'm a Birmingham Real Estate Agent, a wife, a mom to three boys, a fitness coach, and a proud Birmingham Local.

I have been so lucky to help so many find homes here and have fallen in love with our city over and over again through the process. This Summer Guide is just a snapshot of some of our favorite things about Birmingham in the summer.

I hope you enjoy them the way we do!

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