

# SQUARE LIFE

A DAY ON THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE!

The heartbeat of every city lies in the  
DOWNTOWN!

**Morning:** Park your car at the parking deck on the Downtown Square, you can't miss it- look for the large GAINESVILLE letters and snap a quick picture! Head up to the top floor and enjoy some scenic views!

**Breakfast:** Make your way across the square to Inman Perk for a cup of joe and some delightful pastry goodies. If DONUTS are your thing, then take a hop across Jesse Jewel to Danny's Donuts, where the maple bacon donuts are a MUST!

**After breakfast,** head over to the corner of Bradford and Spring, where you'll see the sun monument for the Solar System Walking Trail. This 1.8 mile trail will take you all the way to Pluto where you'll be on the shores of Lake Lanier. Look for the map on ExploreGainesville.org and keep a look out for planet markers along the path.

*Side Note: The Solar System Walking Trail is one of 13 in the WORLD!*

After completing the Solar System Trail, enjoy some time along the lake at Longwood Park. The swinging benches on the boardwalk are a great place to reflect, read or enjoy the company of people you love. While making your way back to the square, be sure to follow the Storybook Trail where pages of a book are installed along the path. Another stop we recommend is Rock Creek Veterans Park, with beautiful memorials.

**Lunch:** Options are endless on the Square. From Atlas Pizza to the Collegiate Grill, there are a dozen options to suit every taste!

*Side Note: Take a selfie in front of the Coca-Cola mural or the Good People of Gainesville mural! Just a hop around the corner is Engine 209, another great photo spot! Other Instagram worthy locations include Gypsy Threads' mural featuring a vintage camper or by the Howard Finster artwork pieces on the side of Recess!*



Rock Creek Park



Solar System Trail



Downtown Square



Engine 209 Park

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**Afternoon:** Explore the square and discover all the wonderful shops that are practicing social distancing measures to ensure your safety. Many of the shops are also offering curbside pickup, so you can always order ahead and pick up your items as you return to the square. After all that walking, enjoy a craft brew at Downtown Drafts or a regional wine at Cork It.

*Side Note: Did you know that Gainesville has well over 200 pieces of public art on display? Be sure to go to the area known as the Royal Space (located between the Hunt Tower and Collegiate Grill) where there are public art pieces. This is also the location of the annual Public Art Block pARTy, a fundraiser for public art projects.*

*Also, if you are downtown on a Friday from May-September, be on the lookout for the Farmer's Market featuring local farm produce and Georgia grown products!*

**Dinner:** Dinner options abound on the square. From white tablecloth at Scott's Downtown to rocking wings at 37 Main. Feeling romantic? Reserve one of the "dressing room" tables at Scott's. These cozy little rooms are perfect for those special occasions.

Many of the restaurants offer live music and trivia nights, be sure to check ahead and see what is planned on the Downtown Gainesville FB page.

*Side Note: There is a 25 foot chicken on top of Main Street Market! This is the famous Jingle Mingle chicken that lights up during the holidays to kick off the spirit of the season!*

**Why don't you STAY!** Make a weekend of it and stay at one of the many hotels that are located minutes away from the Square! The Gainesville CVB can recommend hotels to fit your needs. You'll feel safe in one of the many hotels that are going the extra step to keep their locations extra clean for you!

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