

Fun Things to Do

Tennessee Aquarium

A great place to take kids. This large aquarium is considered the catalyst for the Chattanooga renaissance. Both the freshwater and seawater exhibits are worth every penny.

Blue Hole

This is a great place to hike on a hot day. The hike passes through many great places to swim and they become more secluded the farther you hike. The address is 310 Montlake Rd. Soddy-Daisy, TN.

Coolidge Park

This is an excellent place to go spend time on a warm day. It's only 1.5 miles south. Many shops line its northern border and the Tennessee River wraps around the south. Walk over the walking bridge into downtown Chattanooga. There is a carousel open year round that is a fun thing for kids to do and in the summer they have the interactive play fountains going.

Rock City / Ruby Falls

The sandstone of which Lookout Mountain is made has created some of the most incredible rock formations in the southeast. You can experience a guided tour of these formations and caverns at Rock City and Ruby Falls.

The Incline Railway

Take a ride down the side of Lookout Mountain on the world's steepest railway. Stop in at Clumpies for an ice cream cone while you are down there, or you can check out the other shops in St. Elmo.

Chattanooga Zoo

This is a fun family activity. It is open daily from 9:00am to 5:00pm and you are able to purchase tickets online.

EdenThistle

This sustainable farm is located on Lookout Mountain and provides seasonal high-quality meats, eggs, and dog kenneling services. Check <http://edenthistle.com> for details on booking and food orders.

Cloudland Canyon

This state park is about 30 miles south of the Uptown Corner. This beautiful area is known for its wonderful hikes and many places to camp.

Hang Gliding

For those who are up for an adventure, the Lookout Mountain Flight Park is up on the mountain, about 18 miles away. Take your first tandem hang gliding lesson, or (for the more experienced) rent a hang glider and see the beautiful area from the air.

Warehouse Row

This beautiful Civil War era building has been transformed into a state of the art shopping center. Higher end retailers have laid down their roots here. Spend some time walking around looking at shops, or stop in for some food at one of its many fantastic restaurants.

Personal Favorite Restaurants

For the small size of the city the number and quality of restaurants here is great, and ever-changing. We recommend checking Yelp or Urbanspoon for further ideas as well. The scene is growing fast and we can't review all the excellent choices here, but these are some personal favorites:

(All located in Downtown Chattanooga or North Shore unless otherwise noted. We suggest calling or looking online for current hours)

Breakfast

*These spots are all pretty popular so long waits likely. Worth considering other times of days if you want to try them out and don't want to wait. *Starred restaurants fill fast*

***Bluegrass Grill - 55 E Main St.**

Family run local breakfast and brunch spot. They have great southern style breakfast options, as well as, lunch fare, and offer gluten free menu items as well. The Joan-Marie special, named after the owner, is a favorite.

Milk and Honey - 135 North Market Street

This is a great option for a nearby quick and delicious breakfast. Their TN Ham and Apple sandwich is excellent. Swing by for some gelato if you just want dessert.

Daily Ration - 1220 Dartmouth Street

Owned by some friends of ours, it's got a hip new vibe and great food and drinks. The service there is unmatched.

Tupelo Honey - 1110 Market Street

Down South with an uptown twist. Great anytime of day. *No reservations, wait likely.*

***Aretha Frankensteins** - 518 Tremont Street

Aretha's is open from 7 until midnight which makes it a great option for any time of the day. They make pancakes that are so good that by popular demand, you can buy their pancake mix in local grocery stores. *Highly suggested you arrive early on the weekend or be prepared to wait!*

2 Sons Kitchen & Market - 422 E. MLK Blvd

Although I love their breakfast, they also have a great lunch and weekend dinner. As a bonus, the space is shared with Douglas Heights bakery for an amazing cinnamon roll or other delight!

Coffee Shops

Sacra Coffee Shop - 801 S Orchard Knob Ave

Rembrandts - 204 High Street

Mean Mug - 114 W. Main Street or 205 Manufacturers Rd, Suite 109

Douglas Heights Bakery - 426 E. MLK Blvd

Lunch/Dinner

*Reservations are probably not necessary for the majority of these restaurants. However, it wouldn't hurt to put your name in if it is the weekend. *Starred restaurants fill fast.*

Conga Latin food - Mission at Main, 26 E Main St, Chattanooga, TN 37408

Authentic Central and South American cuisine, categorized as Latin American food. Reasonably priced, family friendly, they have outdoor patio seating as well.

Two Ten Jack - 1110 Market Street

They describe themselves as a Japanese pub. Although their ramen is good, they are mainly known for their side plates and cocktails.

***Taco Mamacita** - 109 N Market St

One of my very favorite places. Unique tacos, amazing nachos (try it with carnitas!) and great drinks. Plus, you can walk across the parking lot to get some gelato from Milk & Honey!

The Feed - 201 West Main Street

A tavern that specializes in farm fresh ingredients. Excellent food and a great central location.

***1885 Grill** - 3194 Saint Elmo Avenue

Located at the north tip of the historic St. Elmo neighborhood, 1885 proves to be a favorite of many locals. They have an excellent menu of southern cuisine. It is also a great place to meet for drinks.

***Tremont Tavern** - 1203 Hixson Pike

Tremont Tavern is rumored to have the best burger in Chattanooga. Drop in for a quick bite or a drink.

***Urban Stack** - 12 West 13th Street

A seemingly infinite array of stylized burgers. A little bit pricey, but the quality is excellent.

Public House - 1110 Market Street

Another restaurant located in Warehouse Row. It is a bit more formal than your typical Chattanooga restaurant, but their prices are reasonable. Try their pot roast.

Main Street Meats - 217 East Main Street

One of the newest and most popular restaurants in town. As you would expect, Main Street Meats specializes in meat but they also have an extensive dinner and cocktail menu.

St. John's - 1278 Market Street

A much pricier option for dinner. Be prepared to eat a few courses when you go and you may want to be a bit more conscious of your attire. For a cheaper and more laid back option, you might consider St. John's Meeting Place.

Alleia - 25 East Main Street

A similar caliber to St. John's, but an Italian inspired menu. Once again, come dressed, with a full wallet, and an empty stomach.

Beast and Barrel - 16 Frazier Ave

Beast and Barrel has excellent food, great cocktails, and is just down the road.

La Alteña - 314 West Main Street

A local favorite of Chattanooga. The family owned restaurant is frequented by the mayor himself. Our personal favorite menu items are the Pollo Guadalajara and the Steak Fajita.

Lupi's Pizza - 406 Broad Street

Simply a fun place to go for pizza. Great quality and lots of options including gluten-free crust.

***The Terminal** - 6 East 14th Street

Great menu with lots of variety and craft beer made on site. A good place to go with large groups of people. Typically a 15 minute wait.

Hang Out Spots

The Social - 1110 Market Street

Easy Bistro - 203 Broad Street

Bitter Alibi - 825 Houston Street

Honest Pint - 35 Patten Parkway

Flying Squirrel - 55 Johnson Street

Close Grocery Stores

Whole Foods - 301 Manufacturers Road. (1.7 miles)

Publix - 400 North Market Street. (1.1 miles)