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DOTHAN

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Dothan, Alabama



DOTHAN AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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TEN BIG REASONS TO LOVE DOTHAN



1. We're nuts.

Ok, so a peanut is really a legume, but we're still crazy about them. Our #1 agricultural export is celebrated year-round with peanut statues depicting everything from a newsboy, to armed forces, breast cancer awareness, to even the King himself, Elvis.

The National Peanut Festival comes to town annually in the beginning of fall, just after the peanut harvest. Attracting over 150,000 guests per year, the NPF offers entertainment such as major recording artists, local food vendors, livestock exhibits and contests, and a parade culminating the event on the last day.



Really nuts. **2.**

What other city celebrates their heritage by painting it on the sides of their most prominent downtown buildings? Take a self-guided tour of the murals to see what all the fuss is about.



We're famous for our murals. **3.**



We have the perfect venue for your sports tournament, whether it's golf, softball, baseball, soccer, tennis, swimming, or our newest addition, BMX. With multiple fields and ample parking, consider us when planning your sports event.

4. Premier sports venues.



5. The arts live here.

Visit the Wiregrass Museum of Art for a tour of the latest exhibits, or catch a show by our local theatre and dance companies at the Dothan Opera House, which is still operating after 100 years. There's always something new to spread your cultural wings.

Since agriculture is our biggest export, our local restaurants take pride in using local farm to table ingredients in their menus. If you're a chain restaurant lover, we've got you covered. Dothan has more restaurants per capita than any other city in the US.



Farm fresh. **6.**

Downtown Dothan is having a revival. Historic buildings are being restored into office space, unique boutiques, restaurants, and event spaces.



Downtown. **7.**



To celebrate the downtown revival, Foster Fest is held every third Friday night from May to October. Classic cars line the blocked off street and Foster Street businesses stay open late for the guests who come for live music and fun atmosphere.

8. Foster Fest.



9. Our very own ice cream man.

Follow Dothan Ice Cream on their Facebook or Twitter to find out where their carts will be daily for cold treats in seasonal flavors handmade from fresh ingredients. He's also available to cater your events!

History and heritage mix at Landmark Park, a 135 acre living museum depicted as a farm in the 1890s. Landmark Park holds annual quilt shows, old fashioned ice cream parties, Music by Moonlight, Touch a Truck, plus daily attractions such as a planetarium and general store.



Landmark Park. **10.**

small city. **BIG COMFORT.**

For more booking information, please visit our website at www.VisitDothan.com or tap “stay” on the Dothan app.
Rates vary by availability and are subject to change. See Page 9 for Hotel locations on the Dothan map.

Host Hotel



Comfort Suites

1650 Westgate Parkway | (334) 792-9000
www.choicehotels.com/hotel/al342

Comfort Suites is all suites, featuring sofa sleepers as well as comfortable beds in each room. Breakfast is included with each suite, and a complimentary 24-hour coffee station in the hotel lobby.

Rate

Doubles: \$89.00

King: \$93.00



Hampton Inn & Suites

4684 Montgomery Hwy | (334) 671-7672
www.daysinn.com

The Hampton Inn & Suites of Dothan offers King and Double rooms, and is conveniently located on Montgomery Highway. In addition to its complimentary full breakfast, The Hampton Inn also has free wi-fi.

Rate

King & Double: \$119.00



Hilton Garden Inn

171 Hospitality Lane | (334) 671-7676
www.dothan.hgi.com

The Hilton Garden Inn is conveniently located on Montgomery Highway, and offers both King and Double rooms. It also features a beautifully decorated lobby and cafe, as well as room service.

Rate

King & Double: \$119.00



Residence Inn by Marriott

186 Hospitality Lane | (334) 793-1030
www.marriott.com/dhnri

Residence Inn by Marriott offers studio king rooms with complimentary breakfast. Each room features living area with pull out sofas, coffee table, and tv.

Rate

Studio Suite: \$119.00



Courtyard Marriott

3040 Ross Clark Circle | (334) 671-3000
www.marriott.com/dhncy

The newly renovated Courtyard Marriott offers double and king rooms, featuring a fully stocked coffee bistro. The Courtyard has a beautiful pool and complimentary wi-fi, as well as a convenient location.

Rate

King & Double: \$119.00

The rates listed for each hotel above are specific to your event. Rates are per night. To reserve a room for your event at these rates, please call the hotel directly.

Reservations for the hotel you choose must be made by January 31, 2017. Reservations made after this cut-off date are subject to the regular guest room prices.



small city **BIG TASTE.**

Dothan has much to offer from the culinary world. These are a few of our favorite local bites.

KBC Butcher Block & KBC on Foster

Farm fresh is the buzz at KBC. Owned and operated by a Culinary Institute of America graduate, KBC focuses on locally sourced and seasonal cuisine with a constantly changing menu. Don't leave without a macaron! KBC is also available for catering for your group or event.

On Westgate: 560 Westgate Parkway
Downtown: 151 North Foster Street

(334) 446-0885 | (334) 792-5500

KBC Eatery



The Blue Plate

When you're craving fried chicken and country cooking, head over to The Blue Plate. Every meal is served with fried cornbread and biscuits, and the specials change daily. Two locations to fill your belly with homemade meatloaf just like mama used to make!

Dothan West: 3850 W. Main Street • (334) 702-7100

Dothan South: 1975 Ross Clark Circle • (334) 673-2583

KT's Tavern

KT's Tavern is the coolest spot in town, serving up cold beer on tap and hot pizza late into the night. Sit inside for the tavern, sit outside for the cornhole, pool, and giant Jenga game.

168 S. Foster Street • (334) 635-4521

Conestoga Steakhouse

This is a can't miss opportunity to taste a one of a kind steak at a Dothan institution. Conestoga was voted the Best Ribeye in the State by the Alabama Cattlemen's Association. And those guys know beef!

3549 Montgomery Highway • (334) 794-4445

Hunt's Seafood & Oysters

Hunt's serves up Appalachian oysters on the half shell in this one-time gas station on the south side of town. Say hey to the locals.

177 Campbellton Highway • (334) 794-5193

Dakota Coffee Works

Locally owned and frequented by students and those wanting quiet retreat from the rest of the world, Dakota Coffee Works has been serving brews for years. Free wi-fi, of course!

4440 West Main Street • (334) 699-2555

Red Elephant Pizza and Grill

If you're looking for a fun, relaxed, family friendly atmosphere, Red Elephant is it! With interesting flavors like barbecue pizza, out of this world burgers, and boiled peanuts for an appetizer, it's a local favorite any night of the week. We suggest the loaded cheese fries!

3108 Ross Clark Circle • (334) 673-7492

Firestone Pizza



Firestone Pizza

Indulge in specialty pizzas tossed and fired in a wood-burning stove in the open kitchen while you watch. And it's not just pizza! Firestone also has pasta, hot entrees, housemade hummus, and creme brulee for dessert!

2620 Montgomery Hwy • (334) 699-6548

Dobb's Famous Bar-B-Que

Another Dothan institution that has been family owned and operated since 1910. It was inducted into the Alabama Barbecue Hall of Fame in 2014. The best chaser for the Brunswick stew is their homemade strawberry shortcake.

2636 South Oates Street • (334) 794-5195

Oak & Olive



Oak & Olive

Oak & Olive is the place you want to go if you are looking for a cool spot to lounge with great cocktails. They serve tapas nightly alongside live music and candlelit atmosphere and cool staff.

2620 Montgomery Hwy • (334) 699-6548

Cactus Flower

Not your typical Mexican food! Cactus Flower is Mexican cuisine with a California twist. The guacamole is fresh, the queso bites are hot, and the sangria is delicious!

5412 Montgomery Hwy • (334) 984-0717

Cactus Flower



Honey's Hot Dogs

Hot dogs any way you want them. Not open on Sundays or Mondays, and only open for lunch the rest of the week. If you're brave, go for the Soggy Dog.

4554 Fortner Street • (334) 673-7642

The Basketcase Cafe

The Basketcase Cafe is another downtown favorite for lunch. Just over the hump on South Oates Street, you can enjoy fresh deli sandwiches, pasta, chicken salad, and of course, their famous muffins. Open for lunch on weekdays, and also available for catering and event space.

228 South Oates Street • (334) 671-1117

For a full list of Dothan's restaurants, please visit our website at www.VisitDothan.com, or tap "eat" on the Dothan app.

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SPORTS and RECREATION

Highland Oaks Golf



Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail - Highland Oaks

Dothan has a course on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail - Highland Oaks. Break out the driver for three different nine-hole championship courses, and one nine-hole short course. Highland Oaks was named one of the best value courses by Golf Digest! Call ahead for tee times.
904 Royal Parkway • (334) 712.2820

Other Golf Options

Dothan National Golf Club - (334) 677-3321
Dothan Driving Range - (334) 618-8475
Roundabout Plantation - (334) 793-3300

Ravenwood Sporting Clays



Ravenwood Sporting Clays

Ravenwood Sporting Clays offers a safe, real-world environment for some friendly skeet shooting competition, or for practice for hunting and riflery. Don't worry about bringing your gun - Ravenwood has shotguns for rent, or you are welcome to practice with your own. Reservations are requested for groups.
10671 Highway 431 South • (334) 648.1440

Eastgate Park

Eastgate Park is the ideal leisure spot in Dothan. Spanning 197 acres, Eastgate Park offers 2 public fishing ponds, 2 mile walking trail, large picnic pavilion, archery range, and a large rental house with a pool. Don't forget Fido - Eastgate is open to leashed pets and a fenced-in dog park!
2049 Sanitary Dairy Road • (334) 615.3730

Water World

It gets hot in Dothan - REALLY hot. Pack up your sunscreen and head to Water World in the summer months! Water World is Dothan's very own water park with giant water luges, wave pool, kiddie pool, and The Great White - an ominous four story drop water slide. Beat the heat at Dothan's most exciting beach!
401 Recreation Road • (334) 615.3750

Water World



Coming soon in 2017!

James Oates Park is currently under construction for a slated opening in 2018. This park will be the largest of its kind in the area, boasting state -of-the-art tournament style baseball and softball fields. James Oates Park is already booking tournaments for 2018, if you are interested in hosting your tournament at a brand new facility.

Westgate Park

Westgate Park is the city's largest public park, boasting tournament style fields for softball, baseball, and soccer. Westgate Park is also home to Westgate Tennis Center, which is open for public play and hosts annual USTA Pro Tennis events. If you're not involved in a tournament, Westgate Park offers a 3.3 mile nature trail for walking, running, and biking, as well as a paved short trail for easier access. But that's not all! Westgate Park has a full recreation center with raquetball, gym, and an aquatics center with an Olympic sized pool. For special citizens, Westgate Park houses Miracle Park with specially designed baseball fields for the disabled, and an all-inclusive playground with accessible equipment.
501 Recreation Road • (334) 615.3760

Westgate Tennis Center



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ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Southeast Alabama Community Theatre

The Southeast Alabama Community Theatre, better known as SEACT, is the premier community theatre in the Dothan Area. SEACT holds four large stage shows per season at our famed Opera House, with smaller shows throughout the year and an annual holiday dinner theatre at Dothan's Cultural Arts Center. Titles such as *Les Miserables* (pictured), *Hairspray*, *Footloose*, and *Guys & Dolls*, combined with our enormously talented Dothan actors and musicians make for an exciting and memorable evening. Pair it with a downtown restaurant for after-show dessert and drinks, and you've got a full night on the town!

For show tickets and information, please visit www.SEACT.com

SEACT



Wiregrass Museum of Art



Wiregrass Museum of Art

The Wiregrass Museum of Art is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday and hosts shows for local and international artists. Downstairs is the interactive Art-Ventures for kids, where they can explore a light wall, puppets, books, and create masterpieces of their own. You can also host your event in their large conference space.

For more information, visit www.wiregrassmuseum.org.

Foster Fest



Foster Fest

Dothan closes off its coolest street every third Friday from May to October to host thousands of people for a few hours of classic cars, live music, street vendors, and visiting businesses after hours. Ask any local, and they will tell you this is the place to be on a Friday night.

For more information, like Foster Fest on Facebook.

A Night at the Movies

Dothan has three movie theatres for your entertainment. There's always something playing!

Carmike Cinema 6 - (334) 793.2222

Carmike Cinema 12 - (334) 836.0813

Continental Drive-In - (334) 692.3890

Tri-State Community Orchestra

The Tri-State Community Orchestra performs in various seasonal events throughout the year, including their annual Christmas Sing-Along. They also have a Youth Symphony Orchestra that they mentor. The TSCO also performs at Landmark Park during their Music by Moonlight summer series.

For more information, visit www.tristatecommunityorchestra.org.

Tri-State Community Orchestra



Toadlick Music Festival



Toadlick Music Festival

With huge headlining acts such as Alabama, Kid Rock, Styx, Kellie Pickler, Hank Williams, Jr., Sam Hunt, and many more, Toadlick Music Festival has become a destination for music fans from all over the country. Join the giant three-day party by purchasing a weekend ticket to enjoy every act and festivities with thousands of people in our area's largest amphitheatre. You can camp out on the festival fairgrounds, or book a weekend room at one of the nearby hotels.

Toadlick will be held June 2-4, 2016.

To purchase tickets and for more information, visit www.toadlick.com.

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SHOPPING

Wiregrass Commons Mall

Anchored by big-name department stores JC Penney, Dillard's, Belk and Burlington Coat Factory, Wiregrass Commons Mall has been a Dothan staple for shopping for twenty years. It also features a food court that welcomes tour buses and large groups, as well as a carousel and blacklight mini golf. The mall hosts seasonal events like Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, and local entertainment groups and fashion shows.

For a mall map and store listing, visit www.shopwiregrasscommons.com.

Dothan Pavilion

Dothan Pavilion hosts Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohl's and other name brand stores for an outdoor shopping experience. It also has several restaurants and smaller stores for your fun day out!
4601 Montgomery Highway

For a full list of Dothan's shopping experiences, please visit our website at www.VisitDothanAL.com, or tap "shop" on the Dothan app.

Wiregrass Commons Mall



HISTORY

Landmark Park



Landmark Park

Landmark Park is a living museum fashioned as an early 1900s farmstead. Here, you will see several historic buildings that have been preserved and moved to Landmark Park, as well as early farm equipment, farm animals, a planetarium, and agriculture museum. Landmark Park also houses an activity barn for event rentals, and hosts several seasonal activities such as Touch-A-Truck, Music by Moonlight on summer evenings, an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social, and a Victorian Christmas celebration. For more information, please visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

GW Carver Museum



George Washington Carver Interpretive Museum

In celebration of the scientist who discovered how to save our area's agriculture after the boll weevil destroyed King Cotton, the George Washington Carver Interpretive Museum features African-American citizens and their many contributions to society and science. The Carver Museum welcomes large group tours, as well as school field trips.

For more information, please visit www.gwcarvermuseum.org.

The Downtown Murals

Dothan has chosen to display its heritage by painting large scale murals on the sides of its most historic downtown buildings. Our murals depict hometown heroes like the "Singing Cowboy" Johnny Mack Brown, a Tuskegee airman, and our celebrated farmers. You'll also find murals for the famous Dothan riot, the Steamboat Era, and Women in the Wiregrass. The Mural City Art Walk takes place every Spring as a weekend of celebrating these works of art, and you can take a self-guided walking tour every day, starting at the Wiregrass Museum of Art.

For more information, please visit www.muralcityartwalk.com.

"The Mural City"



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Dothan is in a convenient location to all of the southeast, with major thoroughfares to Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee. We offer all the necessities to get you where you are going!



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THE BOTTOM LINE IS...

We love Dothan, and we believe you will, too. We have a little something for everyone, whether you're planning a business trip by yourself or 50 of your co-workers. Or a baseball tournament with 300 nine-year old kids. Or a family trip to explore a new place. Or a tour bus full of retirees. We think Dothan

is a big deal - Small City, Big Fun. Come see for yourself! You might just leave a bit nuttier than you arrived!

Peanuts Around Town



Dothan Botanical Gardens



Dothan Opera House



Downtown Shopping



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Dothan, Alabama, 36305

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