

## 2026 Local Guide to Gainesville

### Around campus eating options:

- Food court at the Reitz Student Union and the Hub. Cheap and vegetarian: Hare
- Krishna lunch in front of Smathers Library
- Close to Dauer Hall, on University Avenue:
  - Firehouse Subs; Jimmie John's; Raising Canes; Chipotle; Cava; Sushi-to-Go; etc.
  - a little nicer, sit down: Cantina Añejo; The Swamp;
- Sweetberries (13th St.): awesome frozen custard; sandwiches

### Coffee (most have free wifi):

- Starbucks is everywhere - Smathers Library, the Hub, downtown, etc.
- Pascal's Coffeehouse
- Concord Coffee
- Dunkin' Donuts on Univ. Ave.
- Yes, we do have a local Krispy Kreme: 310 NW 13 St, open 24 hours
- Karma Cream cafe, 1025 W. University Ave., coffee and ice cream
- Cafe Voltaire: 48 SW 2nd St. (downtown) (great coffee!)
- Maude's Coffee House, 101 SE 2nd Pl. #101 (downtown). chocolate chip cookie!

### Grocery, pharmacy:

- Publix on 13th St. just north of campus
- Trader Joe's: 3724 SW Archer Rd. (352) 378-9321
- Whole Foods: <https://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/gainesville>
- Local grocery store (with local bread!): \*Ward's 515 NW 23rd Ave., (352) 372-1741
- 24-hour pharmacy: CVS, 3404 SW Archer Road (352) 373-2507. And closer one that closes at 11PM, 311 SW 13th St #101

### Restaurants further away:

- downtown Gainesville (parking can be a pain, but street/ some lot parking is free on the weekend and after a certain time in the evening on the weekdays):
  - Dragonfly (Japanese) [(352) 371-3359]
  - The Top (extensive vegetarian fare) [(352) 337-1188]
  - Liquid Ginger (pan-Asian) [(352) 371-2323]; great, inexpensive lunch
  - Kyuramen x TBar (Ramen) [(352)7577482]
  - Flacos (Cuban) [(352) 371-2000] classic hole-in-the-wall spot, inexpensive
  - and many others! start at Hippodrome (thehipp.org) and fan out from there
- On 13th
  - Gyro Plus (Mediterranean)
  - La Tienda (Authentic Mexican)

### Entertainment

- Hippodrome - local theater

- HowBazar - follow them on instagram for local events and markets
- Baby J's - Jazz bar on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Many local farmers markets and breweries!

**Where to see a gator! (or just explore the outdoors):**

- Lake Alice (Museum Drive on campus), Bat House across street (visit at sunset);
- Lake Wauburg (free to UF students) - south on 13th St./US 441
- Paynes Prairie State Park (or the overlook off 441, if you're pressed for time)
- La Chua Trail (leads to Alachua Sink, chock-full of gators).