

Visiting the UGA Griffin Campus

Driving directions, parking, and locally owned places to stay and eat in Griffin.

BEFORE YOU GO

CAMPUS ADDRESS

1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, GA 30223

PARKING

Park in the Visitor Parking Lot.

CAMPUS ENTRANCE

Every route below turns at the **second** campus entrance on Ellis Road, which is Higgins Road.

Driving directions

Enter 1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, GA 30223 in your navigation app, or follow the route that matches the direction you are traveling from.

From Macon and the south

Take I-75 north to exit #205 (highway 16). Turn left (west) and go 12.0 miles to the intersection of highway 16 and Atlanta Road (also called the 19/41 business route). Veer right onto Atlanta Road, and go 1.0 mile to Ellis Road (the second light). Turn right onto Ellis Road, go to the **second** campus entrance (Higgins Road) and turn left. Park in the Visitor Parking Lot.

ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM MACON

From Atlanta and the north

Take I-75 south to exit #235 (Griffin/Jonesboro exit; highway 19/41). From the light at the end of the exit continue south 22.5 miles to the intersection of 19/41 and McIntosh Road in Griffin (McDonald's is on the NW corner of this intersection). About 0.5 miles past this intersection exit to the right (the exit is not numbered). At the light at the bottom of the exit turn left onto Ellis Road and go to the **second** campus entrance (Higgins Road) and turn left. Park in the Visitor Parking Lot.

Alternatively, stay on I-75 south, exit at #205, and follow the Macon directions above.

ABOUT ONE HOUR SOUTH OF HARTSFIELD-JACKSON

From Athens and the east

Take highway 16 west through Jackson toward Griffin. When you pass over I-75 proceed another 12.0 miles west to the intersection of highway 16 and Atlanta Road (also called the 19/41 business route). Veer right onto Atlanta Road, and go 1.0 mile to Ellis Road (the second light). Turn right onto Ellis Road, go to the **second** campus entrance (Higgins Road) and turn left. Park in the Visitor Parking Lot.

ABOUT 30 MINUTES FROM JACKSON

From Columbus and the west

Take I-85 north or south to exit #41. Pick up highway 16 east (about 0.4 miles west of I-85), and travel 31.9 miles (through Senoia) to the intersection of highway 16 and Atlanta Road in Griffin (also called the 19/41 business route). This is the first stop light past the Home Depot, which will be on the left. At the light, turn left onto Atlanta Road, and go 1.0 mile to Ellis Road (the second light). Turn right onto Ellis Road, go to the **second** campus entrance (Higgins Road) and turn left. Park in the Visitor Parking Lot.

ABOUT 35–40 MINUTES EAST OF I-85

Where to stay

All three are about one mile from the UGA Griffin Campus.

Historic Griffin Hotel

132 W. Solomon Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | 470-771-3340

<https://www.historicgriffinhotel.com>

A restored 1910 hotel in downtown Griffin, within walking distance of the restaurants and bars listed below.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites by IHG

1361 North Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223 | 678-408-6693

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/griffin/atlgr/hoteldetail>

Home2 Suites by Hilton

1331 North Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223 | 678-661-3707

<https://tinyurl.com/dcrx842x>

Where to eat and drink

Locally owned restaurants, bars, and breweries. Most sit within a few blocks of each other in downtown Griffin, close enough to walk between.

Angelo's Mediterranean Restaurant

102 N. Hill Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | [770-229-0045](tel:770-229-0045)
<https://angelos.top>

Mediterranean cooking in downtown Griffin. The menu pairs traditional recipes with modern flavors, and the kitchen sources its ingredients from local farmers and suppliers.

Bank Street Cafe

126 S. Hill Street, Griffin, GA | [678-692-8453](tel:678-692-8453)
<https://www.facebook.com/BankStreetCafeGriffin/>

A wine list and made-to-order cocktails in a relaxed, upscale room downtown. It draws date nights and after-work drinks in about equal measure.

The Bell by EDO Kitchen

132 East College Street, Griffin, GA 30224 | [678-928-6167](tel:678-928-6167)
<https://www.thebellgriffin.com>

Downtown Griffin's newest fine dining room, with a bar program to match. Built for a long dinner rather than a quick bite.

Corner Café

101 North Hill Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | [678-572-4222](tel:678-572-4222)
<https://www.facebook.com/p/Corner-Cafe-Griffin-100083198027493/>

Known around town for its dessert menu. Eat dinner elsewhere and finish here, or make dessert the whole trip.

El Saborcito Griffin

414 East Solomon Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | [678-687-9526](tel:678-687-9526)
<https://elsaborcitomexicanfoodga.com>

Griffin's newest Mexican restaurant. Small and quaint, serving authentic Mexican food. They never forget a face.

Historic Griffin Hotel Bar

132 W. Solomon Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | 470-771-3340

<https://www.historicgriffinhotel.com>

A beer and wine bar inside the restored 1910 Historic Griffin Hotel. Come for happy hour before heading out downtown, or to wind down at the end of the night.

J. Henry's

110 West College Street, Griffin, GA 30224 | 678-688-1769

<https://www.jhenrys.com>

Steaks, seafood, and classic comfort food, with a full bar and daily specials. Locals call it a “neighborhood gem.”

Myrtle's Plot Twist

209 South 6th Street, Griffin, GA 30224

<https://www.myrtlesbooks.com>

Part indie bookstore, part wine bar, part café. Browse the shelves over a glass of wine or a craft cocktail, catch live music on Friday nights, or come for a book club gathering or a poetry reading.

Nic McKay's Irish Pub, LLC

133 South Hill Street, Griffin, GA 30223

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579645826567>

A hometown pub downtown where everyone is treated like family. Live sports, live music, food, and plenty of Guinness.

Piedmont Brewery

129 South 6th Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | 678-603-2648

<https://www.piedmontbrewerygriffin.com/menu>

One of Griffin's newer breweries, pouring a rotating lineup of craft beer brewed close to home in a laid-back taproom.

Pour Decisions Lounge

136 South Hill Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | 860-478-9011

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61589108363781>

A downtown lounge with a deep drink selection and a welcoming crowd. It works as a first stop or a last one.

Putt and Pour

111 West Slaton, Griffin, GA 30223

<https://www.puttandpour.com>

Part mini golf course, part self-pour taproom, part rooftop lounge. Play a round woven with local history, pour your own craft beer or wine from the tap wall, then take it up to the rooftop swings.

Saki Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar

202 W. Broad Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | 678-572-4971

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063738091501>

Fresh rolls and sizzling hibachi plates in a cozy, locally owned room, steps from the rest of downtown.

Slices Pizzeria

136 West Solomon Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | 770-227-0022

<https://www.slicespizzeriagriffin.com>

Pizza downtown, and a late-night stop for anyone still out among the nearby bars and breweries.

Smash Burger Bar

130 West Solomon Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | 678-572-4148

<https://www.smashburgerbar.net/menu>

Burgers and a lively bar. Dinner before a night out, or a drink and a bite on its own.

Southern Social by Firemaker

122 West Bank Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | 678-408-1911

<https://southernsocialgriffin.com>

From the team behind Fire Maker Brewing. The room is built for groups and long visits, with Southern hospitality to match.

Tipsy Daisy

132 South Hill Street, Griffin, GA 30223 | 770-450-0856

<https://www.facebook.com/the.tipsy.daisy.griffin/>

Locals call it the cutest little bar in downtown Griffin. Tapas, creative drinks, and live music in a small room. Seating is first come, first served, so arrive ready to settle in among the regulars.