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TASTE OF ATLANTA?

From desserts to sides, these faves smack of ATL

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This weekend's Taste of Atlanta at Atlantic Station promises to be a nibblefest royale. More than 70 area restaurants will be doling out temptation, bite by restaurant-y bite. While Vino Libro dishes up pears poached in red wine, Emeril's will ply passers-by with Bloody Mary and lump crabmeat shooters.

It all sounds great, but it got us thinking: What is a "taste of Atlanta" in the truest sense? Where do you take out-of-town guests, or go when you've been away yourself for too long? What are those dishes that don't speak the international language of restaurant food, but tell you you're right here in the Big Peach?



[Tell us your favorite taste of Atlanta]

HERE ARE 10 FOR STARTERS:

• Taste It! at the **New World of Coca-Cola**: Sure you can pick through the offerings of 70 restaurants at Atlantic Station. But where else do you get to try 70 different sodas? 121 Baker St., 404-676-5151.

• Chili dog at the **Varsity**: Some might vote for the Frosted Orange or the supremely greasy fries as the definitive taste at this Midtown temple of fast food. But consider how the mudlike chili so ideally blankets its hot dog and sops its bun. 61 North Ave., 404-881-1706.

• Cafeteria at **Your DeKalb Farmers Market**: Half traditional Southern meat-and-three, half multi-culti smorgasbord, this is Atlanta spread over a steam table, yours for the picking. 3000 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur. 404-377-6400.

• Ghetto Burger at **Ann's Snack Bar**: Is this enormous heap of pattied meat, cheese, chili and seasonings loosely united under the aegis of a bun really the best in America, as The Wall Street Journal recently declared? Decide for yourself, but plan on a wait. And an experience. 1615 Memorial Drive, 404-687-9207.

• Brunswick stew and cracklin' corn bread at **Harold's Barbecue**: Don't even think about not showing your visitors this blast from the past in the heart of our city's poetic urban decay. People need to know that bits of rendered pork fat can stud corn bread as well as raisins in a bran muffin. 171 McDonough Blvd., 404-627-9268.

• Fried chicken at **Son's Place**: Surely one of the last bastions of skillet-fried chicken in a down-home setting. 100 Hurt St., 404-581-0530.

• Frozen fruit salad at the **Swan Coach House**: It may not be your notion of fruit, but this concoction of pineapple, date and pecans in a creamy base has raised generations of magnolias, steel and otherwise. 3130 Slaton Drive, 404-266-2636.

• Fried peach pie at the **Chick-fil-A Dwarf House**: Fans swear by the fried pies at this original location of our favorite homegrown chicken chain. 461 N. Central Ave., Hapeville. 404-762-1746.

• Veggie plate at the **Busy Bee Cafe**: This 60-year-old soul food haven serves boiled okra three times a week, turnip greens twice and its amazing fried corn every day. 810 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 404-525-9212.

• Coca-Cola cake at **Carver's Country Kitchen**: Yes, you ate that bodacious mound of meatloaf, rutabagas, and mac and cheese, washed down with a tumbler or two of sweet tea. But you saved room for a hunk of this sweet, nutty, vaguely chocolaty, slightly Coke-y confection, right? Of course you did. You're at Carver's, where appetites come as big as this city's spirit. 1118 W. Marietta St., 404-794-4410.

IF YOU GO

Taste of Atlanta

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. \$25-\$35 general admission (includes 10 taste coupons); \$50-\$60 VIP (includes 20 taste tickets and access to Wine Experience at Ten Pin Alley). Extra coupons are \$5 and \$10. Atlantic Station, 17th Street between Market and State streets. 404-875-4434, www.tasteofatlanta.net.

COMMENTS

ELISSA EUBANKS/Staff
(ENLARGE)

The Wall Street Journal praises Ann's Ghetto Burger in Decatur.



Andy Sharp/Staff
(ENLARGE)

Harold's Barbeque in southeast Atlanta has Brunswick stew and cracklin' corn bread (with coleslaw, ribs and sweet tea).



Valentino Mauricio/Staff
(ENLARGE)

Lenn Storey, owner of Son's Place restaurant in Inman Park, serves up chicken for local crowds in his prized skillet.

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I agree, I went last year, the food was good but the price was not. The best thing to come out of it was free pre-season tickets to the Hawks game that night.

By Cammi317

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Being a native of Chicago, I concur with the Taste of Chicago comments. However, I am looking to give the Taste of Atlanta an honest try.

By HJ

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I'm not sure why everyone is so sensitive to people who make comments about other cities while discussing anything "Atlanta-related". It seems as if there a Napoleon complex some of us native Atlantan's are still dealing with...anyhow, after living in this city my entire life, I have at least figured out that: 1) nothing is free and, 2) nothing is cheap. Mayor Hartsfield's unofficial for the slogan wasn't far off - "a city too busy to hate". What do you thing the decision makers were/are all busy doing? Making money...

By Fatuma

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I'd love to attend the taste of Atlanta, but the admission is rather high in my opinion?! And considering that after 2 hrs parked @ atlantic station, you'd have to pay for the parking as well (unless they'll be validating?! So as much as I'd like to attend, I dont think many of my friends will. I just moved to Alpharetta, so I'll definitely look forward to that one!

I would highly encourage folks to attend the Taste of Chicago. A **GREAT** experience for the family!

By No Taste

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When is the taste of Macon? Admission but free food and open bar. That sounds like my type of party!!!! My girls (friends) and I could make the 45 min. drive and have lots of fun!!!!

By Bad Taste

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\$25-\$35 admission fee? Ridiculous!
We're a family of five, and \$150+ will be better spent in something else.
Think people, think! many "Taste of" in smaller towns and cities are better and free!

By No Taste

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@ Elliott, I take it you didn't read all of my comment. You just think that I am taking cheap jabs at Atlanta. I was born and raised here. Never left. However, my husband is from the Chicago area and we visit every summer. I am speaking the truth about this Taste. Its about the money and to get more people to come through AS. If your sister is there why don't you go for a visit in July and experience a real taste. Or like I also said go to the one in Alpharetta. It's about a week and a half of enjoying the park, amusement rides, Navy Pier and live music and last but not least food!!!! Its family entertainment not a one day event to see how much money can be made off an admission or how many people will venture off to shop or just get feed up and go eat at one of the resturants located in AS. That's when it will become more profitable for AS. These are just my thoughts and opinions, respect mine as I have yours.

By liz

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Even the Taste of Macon is a better event than Taste of Atlanta, and look how small we are in comparison! You do have to pay to get in, but after that all the food is free and there is an open bar!

By myra

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please make the event affordable so the average family might be able to afford it too.

By watersfam

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Ann's Snack Bar not only has the best burger I have ever had in 32 years but the experience is worth the trip. What an unforgettable time!

P.S. Please respect the rules of the house though. :)

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