



Play & Stay For Peanuts

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small city. **BIG FUN.**

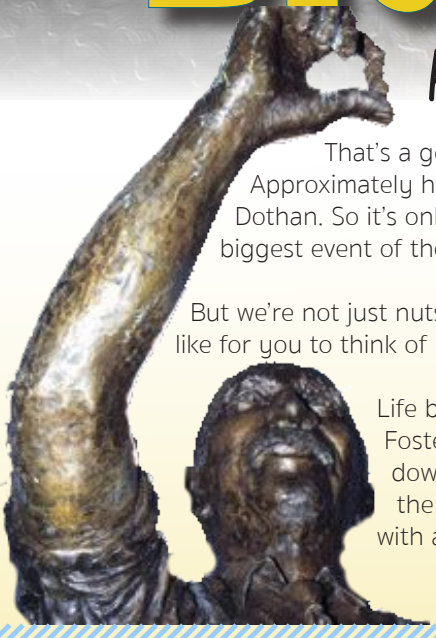
DOTHAN AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

ASK ANYONE ABOUT DOTHAN, ALABAMA, AND THEY WILL TELL YOU ONE THING: IT'S NUTS.

That's a good thing, considering we're The Peanut Capital of the World. That's right. Approximately half of the peanuts in current circulation are grown within a 100 mile radius of Dothan. So it's only appropriate that we celebrate them 365 days a year, culminating with our biggest event of the year, The National Peanut Festival, held at the end of every harvest season.

But we're not just nuts - We're a lot of fun, too. When you're planning your next trip or event, we'd like for you to think of Dothan just like we do: friendly, open, and full of life.

Life begins in Dothan with our thriving social and community atmosphere. There's Foster Fest on summer Friday nights when the city shuts down the coolest street in downtown for residents and guests to mingle in and out of shops and restaurants to the sounds of live music and street vendors. There's also Landmark Park, a living museum with a focus on community events like Touch a Truck and annual quilting shows.



BMX Nationals



we're a bit nuts

National Peanut Festival



Don't forget about the arts. Dothan is home to an active community theatre who performs quarterly shows of the likes of Les Miserables and Hairspray. The exhibits are always changing at the Wiregrass Museum of Art. The Dothan Opera House has been home to shows since 1915, and its Victorian architecture has placed it on the National Historic Register. Be sure to check out our murals decorating our buildings downtown that celebrate our hometown heroes while you're here, too.

Highland Oaks Golf



And sports! Dothan is home to a Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Course, as well as the premier tennis complex in Alabama, hosting an annual USTA event. Coming this spring, a national BMX tournament will visit for the first time.

COME TO DOTHAN FOR THE PEANUTS, STAY FOR THE FUN.

so what's there to do?

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ASKED! HERE ARE **TEN BIG REASONS TO VISIT DOTHAN!**



We have peanuts everywhere. Literally everywhere. It started with one golden peanut at our Visitors Center and has turned into a city-wide mark of prestige to have a peanut at your place of business. Stop at the Visitors Center to get your map of the peanuts and go on a scavenger hunt to find all of them!

1. We're nuts.

While you're looking for the peanuts, you can also check out the murals decorating our downtown buildings. Each one represents a different story of Dothan, from the origins of our peanut history, to a mid-1800s downtown riot, to Native American settlers, and our hometown heroes like Johnny Mack Brown and a Tuskegee Airman. It's a celebration of our local heritage, thanks to some very talented artists!

The Murals. 2.



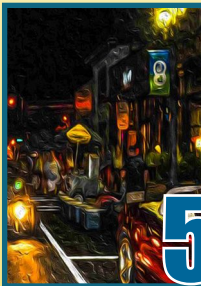
3. Downtown.

Downtown Dothan is really a treasure. With a recent revival in business ownership and event planning, Downtown Dothan is full of shopping, restaurants, and local business, all in historic buildings that have been restored to their fullest potential. It brings back memories of when downtown was the hub of the city, and looks forward to the future of what it will be again.

Performing and Fine Arts are highly respected in Dothan. At the Wiregrass Museum of Art, you can visit daily to view local and world-renowned art. You can even take a yoga class amongst the sculptures. Our community theatre, SEACT, takes the stage four times a year with big name productions. And don't forget our local dance company who performs The Nutcracker every year!



The Arts. 4.



5. Foster Fest.

Foster Street is the coolest street in town, and on every third Friday from May to October, the city shuts it down for a street festival. We're talking live music, dancing in the streets, and Foster Street restaurants serving specials just for Foster Fest. Classic Cars, vendor tents, and food trucks line the streets and you can mingle down the street with a couple thousand of your best Dothan friends.

You didn't think we could celebrate the peanut without celebrating the man who made it happen, right? No, George Washington Carver didn't invent the peanut, but he did show us the many uses of the peanut when cotton died out as king. Visit the George Washington Carver Interpretive Museum for more of this history, as well as a celebration of the social and scientific contributions of African Americans through the Civil Rights Movement and today.



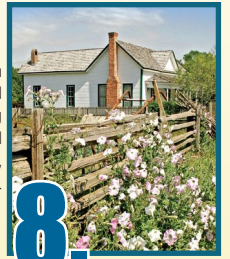
The Carver Museum. 6.



After all this travel, you're gonna be hungry. Sink your teeth into one of the dishes from our many restaurants. Dothan has the most restaurants per capita than any other city in the US. There are farm-to-table options, fine dining with white tablecloths, big giant burgers, and wood-fired pizza. If you're looking for an old stand-by chain restaurant, we have those, too. In fact, Dothan has more restaurants per capita than anywhere in the US.

7. The Food.

Step back in time to an 1800s homestead at the living museum that is Landmark Park. This 135-acre farm is rich in heritage and unique experiences, like a planetarium with daily astronomy presentations and an operating general store. They also hold annual events like quilting shows, old-fashioned ice cream socials, Music by Moonlight, and a Victorian Christmas Celebration.



Landmark Park. 8.



9. The National Peanut Festival.

Plan your trip for the beginning of November to hit the National Peanut Festival at full speed. The Peanut Festival has been held since 1938, only taking a brief break for World War II. At the fair, you'll enjoy live music acts, carnival rides, livestock and craft exhibits, and more than enough food to stuff you to the gills. It's definitely the highlight of the year in Dothan, and people travel from all over just to experience it.

If you're a golfer, we have a couple of opportunities to drag out the nine-iron. Dothan is home to a course on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail: Highland Oaks. The Future Masters is held every spring at the Dothan Country Club. You can also opt to play at the Roundabout Plantation, or work on your swing at the Dothan Driving Range.



The Golf. 10.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, AND HOTELS, PLEASE VISIT www.VISITDOTHANAL.COM TO PLAN YOUR TRIP!

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