



# Accolades & Rankings



## Welcome to Athens, Georgia, a remarkably well-rounded community with something for everyone.

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