

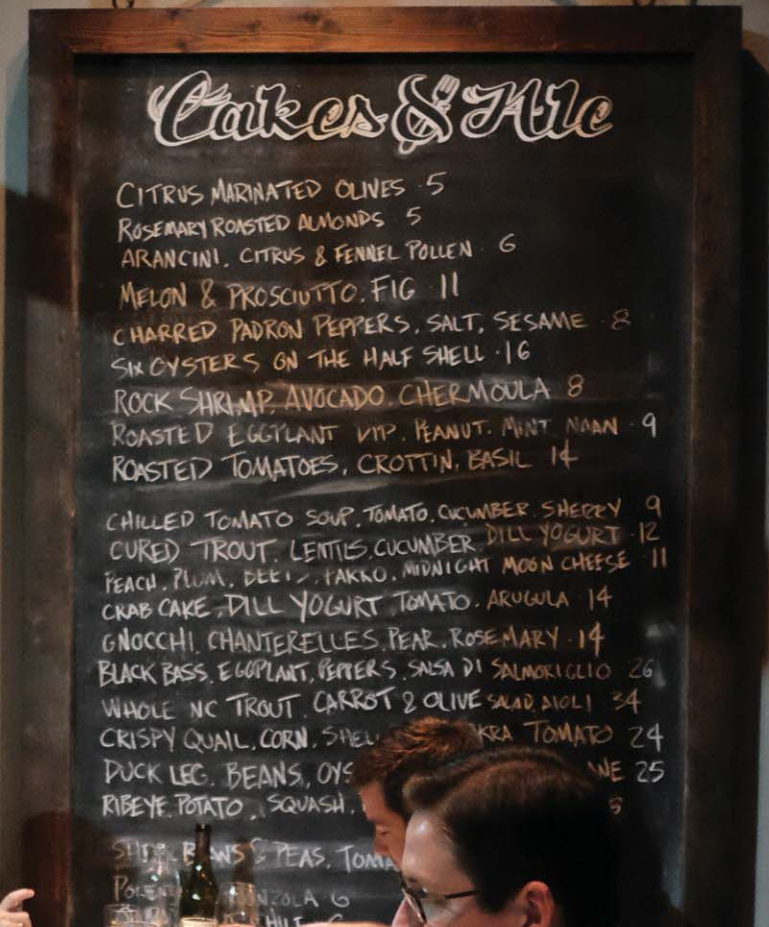
# DISCOVER DeKalb

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10 GREAT RESTAURANTS

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- UNIQUE SHOPS
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Maria Pinkelton



57th Fighter Group

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Maria Pinkelton moved with her husband and son to the City of Decatur from Midtown Atlanta four years ago in search of good beer, food, and schools—they have found their oasis and will never leave. She’s a reader, writer, and beer snob.

**BEST BRUNCH** The Grand Sunday Champagne Brunch at 57th Fighter Group is \$25 and worth every penny. Wear your best elastic-waist pants.

**MOST ROMANTIC** The Pinewood Tippling Room is quaint, quiet, kid-free, and the lights are always dim. Complete your meal with a shared dessert and tasty craft cocktails.

**BEST COFFEE SHOP** Dancing Goats uses locally roasted beans from Batdorf & Bronson to make some of the tastiest lattes in town. Choose a sugar doughnut or other pastry courtesy of Duck’s Kitchen to enjoy alongside your hot beverage.

**BEST HAPPY HOUR** Kimball House is the place for happy hour. From traditional gin and tonics to their full absinthe service, there’s something for everyone.

**BEST BREWPUB** The Brick Store Pub on the Decatur Square has won international acclaim and it’s my top pick, too. The food is almost as perfect as the beer.

**BEST UPSCALE RESTAURANT** Petite Auberge has been a DeKalb staple for years because it consistently serves some of the best food and wine, offering a perfect fine dining experience.

**BEST BUDGET RESTAURANT** Radial Cafe’s menu has an outstanding selection of flavors from around the world. Impressive plates come with humble price tags. My heart belongs to the Georgia trout.

**BEST OUTDOOR PATIO** The Downwind Restaurant & Lounge at PDK (DeKalb Peachtree Airport). Patrons overlook the bustling runway while dining from their relaxed menu of burgers, nachos, and other bar fare.

**BEST-KEPT SECRET** The Crawfish Shack always has a crowd, but chances are your friends have never heard of it. The fried oyster po’ boy with a side of Zapp’s chips is my usual lunch.

**BEST DISH** The corned beef skillet at the Village Corner in Stone Mountain makes my mouth water. It’s the perfect weekend breakfast indulgence.



The Pinewood



The Crawfish Shack