

2015
THE BEST OF

Mississippi



Vivian Gross of Madison admires a cake-stand full of hot and delicious biscuits from this year's Best of Mississippi winner for *Best Bakery/Sweet Shop*, **The Biscuit Shop** in Starkville. They are placed on a cake-stand from the **Everyday Gourmet**, winner of *Best Kitchen Store*. Vivian is wearing a dress from the winner of *Best Children's Apparel*, **PolkaTots** in Starkville. Her bracelets are provided by **Deep South Pout**, winner of *Best Place to Find Trendy Clothing*.

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dining out

by anna beth higginbotham

BEST APPETIZER

Harvey's, Broccoli Bites

Starkville, Columbus, Tupelo
662.327.6982 | eatwithharveys.com

Harvey's broccoli bites are truly a mouth-watering treat. These delicious bites are loaded with broccoli, cheese, bacon, onion, and jalapeños and fried until golden. It's easy to see why they are a crowd favorite at Harvey's, which prides itself on providing delicious food, great service, and memories every time you dine.



Amerigo - Cheese Fritters, Ridgeland
Babalu - Guacamole, Jackson
Georgia Blue - Turnip Bites,
Multiple Locations
Market Café - Fried Pimento Cheese,
Louisville

BEST DESSERT

Stromboli's, Cookie Dough Bites

Starkville | 662.615.4080 | strombolismsu.com

Stromboli's Italian Eatery should definitely be on your list of places to grab a bite when visiting Starkville, and be sure not to leave without trying their memorable cookie dough bites. Warm, decadent, and served with rich chocolate dipping sauce for an extra indulgence, these treats are sure to please every sweet tooth—and leave you yearning for more.



Amerigo - Tiramisu, Ridgeland
Crescent City Grill - White Chocolate Bread Pudding, Hattiesburg
Harvey's - Bread Pudding, Starkville,
Columbus, and Tupelo
Oby's - Bread Pudding, Starkville
and Oxford

BEST NEW RESTAURANT

Saltine

Jackson | 601.982.2899 | saltinrestaurant.com

If you're in Mississippi and love oysters, Saltine is the place to be. Located in the bustling Fondren district, Saltine offers delicious, fresh oysters delivered straight from the Gulf. From the seafood to its landlubber options—which include everything from gravy fries to Nashville hot chicken to grilled quail—this new restaurant offers tasty twists on Southern classics.



Lou's Full-Serv, Jackson
Old 82, Columbus
Seafood R'evolution, Ridgeland
1933, Ruleville

BEST PIZZA

Lost Pizza Company

Multiple locations | 662.887.1555
lostopizza.com

Taste buds are taken to a whole new level when visiting Lost Pizza Company, which offers delicious options that every pizza lover will enjoy. Go traditional, build your own, or be adventurous and enjoy creative offerings like Hector's Taco Pie, The Popeye, and even Fat Boy's Bacon Cheeseburger. Lost Pizza also offers salads, pastas, and yummy desserts, along with a fun atmosphere.



Pizza Shack, Byram, Jackson, and
Madison
Sal & Mookie's, Jackson
Soulshine, Flowood, Ridgeland, and
Oxford
Stromboli's, Starkville

BEST STEAK

Shapley's

Ridgeland | 601.957.3753
shapleysrestaurant.com

Shapley's has been one of the state's superior steakhouses since 1985. Owners Julie and Scott Koestler strive to provide the best cuts of meat and freshest seafood, all prepared to their high standards with customers in mind. Having been recognized nationally for its dining experience, Shapley's is more than just a premier steakhouse—it's a Mississippi tradition.



Anthony's, West Point
Doe's Eat Place, Greenville
Old Hickory, Columbus
Tico's, Ridgeland

BEST BURGER

Mugshots

Multiple Locations | 601.271.2299
mugshotsgrillandbar.com

Ron Savell and Chris McDonald met in college and shared a dream to one day open a restaurant, and, in 2004, Mugshots became a reality. More than the average burger joint, the restaurant offers guests many unique options—including favorites such as the Savell, the McDonald, and Da Big Kahuna—all served on its signature bun. With locations throughout the state, visit Mugshots and be transported to a cheeseburger paradise.



Babalu, Jackson
Burgers & Blues, Ridgeland
Christy's, Columbus and Starkville
Doug & Hazel's, Columbus

BEST FRIED CHICKEN

Julep

Jackson | 601.362.1411 | juleprestaurant.com

Not only has Julep garnered national attention, but it has also won over the most discerning of fried chicken critics—Mississippians. Their scrumptious recipe, with a honey and rosemary glaze, is truly a twist on your grandmother's traditional fried chicken, but it will never disappoint. You may also request to have your chicken served grilled...but why would you ever do such a thing?



George's, New Albany
Restaurant Tyler, Starkville
Two Sisters' Kitchen, Jackson
Walnut Hills, Vicksburg

BEST BARBECUE

The Little Dooe

Starkville | 662.323.6094 | littledoey.com

If you are a barbecue fan, The Little Dooe in Starkville is the spot for you. Their barbecued selections of pulled pork, chicken, beef brisket, and pork ribs have attracted diners from all over the country, and even some celebrities. This barbecue destination offers catering for you to enjoy during MSU football games or at your next backyard party and sells its signature sauces and rubs so you can bring the taste of Dooe's home.



Leatha's Bar-B-Que Inn, Hattiesburg
Petty's, Starkville
Pig & Pint, Jackson
The Shed, Ocean Springs

BEST CORNBREAD

Ajax Diner

Oxford | 662.232.8880 | ajaxdiner.net

Soul food is the standard at Ajax Diner, a popular spot on the Square in Oxford. With a menu full of Southern staples, Ajax delivers on every front—and its hefty pieces of savory jalapeño cornbread aren't just a side item, but a standout.



Café on Main, Columbus
Cock of the Walk, Ridgeland and
Pocahontas
Restaurant Tyler, Starkville
The Veranda, Starkville

BEST CATFISH

Cock of the Walk

Ridgeland, Pocahontas | 601.856.5500
cockofthewalkrestaurant.com

Get ready to go back in time to the historic Mississippi riverboat era. Sit down and enjoy exceptional fried Mississippi catfish in the casual, rustic atmosphere of Cock of the Walk. You can also enjoy Southern favorites such as turnip greens, hushpuppies, fried chicken, and cornbread at this special spot.



Jerry's, Florence
Little Dooe, Starkville
Old Taylor Grocery, Taylor
Penn's Fish House, Multiple
Locations

BEST SUSHI

Umi

Starkville and Columbus | 662.323.5258
weareumi.com

The ultimate sushi experience awaits diners at Umi Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar. Choose from traditional sushi rolls or try one of Umi's unique creations such as the Green Hulk roll, the Smoking Mountain roll, or the MSU roll. Sip a green tea, and enjoy any of the extensive menu's offerings, all while dining in a chic atmosphere.



Edo, Hattiesburg
Nagoya, Jackson and Madison
Sake Sushi, Meridian
Sakura Bana, Jackson, and Little
Tokyo, Ridgeland

BEST MEXICAN

Mi Toro

Columbus | 662.329.4099
mitororesurant.com

When you dine at Mi Toro, you are treated like family. Choose from authentic Mexican favorites—right here in Mississippi—while snacking on fresh chips and salsa. Mi Toro offers a lively atmosphere, making it a perfect spot for everyone.



Mexican Kitchen, Hattiesburg
La Terresa, Starkville
Salsarita's, Starkville
Sombra, Ridgeland

BEST ICED TEA

McAlister's

Multiple Locations | 662.234.1363
mcalistersdeli.com

We've all heard the phrase "McAlister's Famous Sweet Tea," and it upholds its name by continuing to please anyone who gives it a try. This Southern staple is made with a blend of black tea and pure cane sugar and is always freshly brewed. Enjoy it with a slice of lemon and you'll be set for an afternoon on the porch.



Little Dooe, Starkville
Newk's, Multiple Locations
Oby's, Starkville and Oxford
Sweet Pepper's, Multiple Locations

BEST ITALIAN

Amerigo

Ridgeland | 601.977.0563 | amerigo.net

For a taste of Italy right here in the Magnolia State, look no further than Amerigo. Enjoy classic and modern Italian dishes like homemade lasagna and smoked chicken ravioli, all served in a casual setting. Make sure to try their famous tiramisu for an after-dinner treat. Trust us, you'll be back again.



Bravo!, Jackson
Old Venice, Oxford and Starkville
Stromboli's, Starkville
Tabella, Hattiesburg

OTHER ETHNIC

Keifer's

Jackson | 601.355.6825 | keifers.net

Keifer's is known for being Mississippi's Mediterranean mainstay for more than 30 years. Enjoy traditional Greek dishes, most of which are served with their famous feta dressing, and make sure to try a side serving of cottage fries to complement your meal. Many guests love to dine on Keifer's beautiful wrap around porches, which can be enjoyed year-round.



Aladdin, Jackson
Jutamas, Hattiesburg
Spice Avenue, Jackson
Thai Siam, Starkville.

dining out

BEST BLUE PLATE

The Veranda

Starkville | 662.323.1231 | verandastarkville.com

Enjoy a delicious blue plate special every week-day at The Veranda. Choose from classic offerings such as chicken and dumplings, pork chops, red beans and rice, catfish, and, of course, fried chicken smothered in gravy. Served with three home-style sides, plus cornbread or a biscuit, and a drink for only \$9, The Veranda has something every true Southerner will enjoy.



Ajax Diner, Oxford
Café on Main, Columbus
Georgia Blue, Multiple Locations
Primos Café, Flowood and
Ridgeland

BEST SEAFOOD

Seafood R'evolution

Ridgeland | 601.853.3474
seafoodrevolution.com

Seafood R'evolution—owned by award-winning chefs John Folse and Rick Tramonto—is a culinary coup for the state's dining repertoire. Seafood R'evolution is more than just a seafood restaurant, it is a fine-dining experience that celebrates Mississippi's heritage and the delicacies that are so plentiful in its coastal waters. From the amazing raw bar, caviar, and beer-battered crab beignets to the Mississippi catfish tacos and customizable fish dishes, seafood aficionados and hard-core foodies will relish every bite.



Half Shell Oyster House, Biloxi,
Gulfport, and Hattiesburg
Mayflower Café, Jackson
Mary Mahoney's, Biloxi
Saltine, Jackson

BEST FINE DINING

Walker's Drive-In

Jackson | 601.982.2633 | walkersdrivein.com

When the opportunity arose for James Beard-nominated chef Derek Emerson to buy a 1950s diner in the heart of the Fondren district, he didn't hesitate. Since then, Walker's Drive-In has become one of Mississippi's most elite restaurants, and Emerson has been wowing guests with his unique, exceptional dishes. Enjoy knowing that the ingredients are all regional, and the meat and seafood are hand-selected by Emerson himself.



Ely's, Ridgeland
J. Broussard's, Columbus
Restaurant Tyler, Starkville
Shapley's, Ridgeland

BEST BUFFET

Mama Hamil's

Madison | 601.856.4407 | hamils.com

If you can't seem to choose from a menu which Southern dish is your favorite, enjoy them all from the buffet at Mama Hamil's. Savor the taste of recipes passed down for more than four generations, all of which you can enjoy day or night at an affordable price. Just like home, this restaurant is great for the entire family.



Berry's Seafood, Florence and
Magee
Movie Star, Hattiesburg
Taylor's Fish and Steak, New Albany
Two Sister's Kitchen, Jackson

BEST DELI

Broad Street Baking Company

Jackson | 601.362.2900 | broadstbakery.com

Every day, lunch crowds flock to Banner Hall's Broad Street Baking Company. Each artisan sandwich is served on your choice of freshly baked bread—the focaccia is always a favorite—with premium toppings and handcrafted spreads. Also offering delicious salads, daily quiche and soup, pasta, and pizza (and not to mention those bakery treats), the entire Broad Street menu is truly irresistible.



City Bagel, Starkville
McAlister's Deli, multiple locations
Newk's, multiple locations
Sweet Peppers, multiple locations

BEST BREAKFAST

Starkville Café

Starkville | 662.323.1665

Nestled on Main Street, Starkville Café offers Mississippians the perfect breakfast experience. Customers rave about the waffles served with Duck Butter—a special, house-made syrup that elevates every bite—and can also enjoy other breakfast classics like biscuits and gravy, sausage and country ham, and made-to-order eggs. With a comfortable setting and friendly staff who will never let your coffee run out, you'll feel as though you're at your grandmother's breakfast table.



Big Bad Breakfast, Oxford
Broad Street Baking Company,
Jackson
City Bagel, Starkville
Primos Café, Flowood and Ridgeland



Vivian's dress and shoes were styled by **Helen's Young Ages**, one of our state's MList winners for *Best Place to Find Children's Apparel*, and her headband is from **Deep South Pout**, winner of *Best Place to Find Trendy Clothing*. She is ready for a fabulous dinner at Mississippi's *Best Seafood Restaurant*, **Seafood R'evolution** in Ridgeland.

dining out

BEST BRUNCH

Restaurant Tyler

Starkville | 662.324.1014
eatlocalstarkville.com

With a Sunday menu that boasts Southern classics like chicken and waffles, Vardaman sweet potatoes, and cheese grits, along with unique signatures—think savory French toast sandwiches and po'boys topped with eggs Benedict—Restaurant Tyler clearly knows how to brunch. Chef Ty Thames not only creates delicious meals, but he also focuses on utilizing natural, local ingredients. Good for your taste buds and the environment? Win, Win!



Char, Jackson
Julep, Jackson
The Grill, Columbus, Starkville, and
Tupelo
The Veranda, Starkville

BEST KID-FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

Sal and Mookie's

Jackson and Biloxi | 601.368.1919
salandmookies.com

Not only will your kids have a blast eating at Sal and Mookie's, this fun restaurant also offers exceptional pizza the whole family will enjoy. Dozens of options from the vast menu ensure that both your picky and adventurous eaters will be pleased. Award a "happy plate" with a sundae for dessert—kids can choose their flavor and toppings from the adorable ice cream parlor located inside the restaurant.



Lost Pizza, multiple locations
McAlister's, multiple locations
Mugshots, multiple locations
Plaid Rhino, Hattiesburg

BEST SWEET SHOP/ BAKERY

The Biscuit Shop

Starkville | 662.324.3118 | thebiscuitlady.com

Mississippians love biscuits, but a visit to The Biscuit Shop in Starkville goes beyond your typical biscuit experience. This precious bakery offers different flavors of Southern-style biscuits every day, including Mixed Berry, Butterfinger, Sprinkles, Banana, and Maple Bacon. Make sure to get there early because these hot biscuits are so tasty, they go quickly!



Broad Street Baking Company,
Jackson
Campbell's Bakery, Jackson
La Brioche, Jackson
Sugaree's, New Albany

BEST TAMALES

Doe's Eat Place

Greenville | 270.443.9006
doeseatplace.com

Doe's Eat Place hasn't changed a thing since 1941. Made fresh daily, their original all-beef tamales are a true taste of the Delta. Grab a coffee can full to take home or settle in at a table and try the Signa family's exceptional recipe that has won national accolades and has been enjoyed by Mississippians for decades.



Fat Mama's, Natchez
Mexican Kitchen, Hattiesburg
Shapley's, Ridgeland
Tony's Tamales, Ridgeland

BEST OUTDOOR DINING

Babalu Tacos and Tapas

Jackson | 601.366.5757 | babalutacos.com

Located in the heart of the lively Fondren district, Babalu's outdoor space is the perfect spot to drink or dine on a sunny day. Have a seat on the colorful porch, sip on a cool drink, and enjoy fresh guacamole made tableside by the always-friendly staff. Babalu offers amazing Spanish-style tapas, an expansive beverage menu, and a unique atmosphere.



BIN 612, Starkville
Keifer's, Jackson
Patio 44, Hattiesburg
Proffit's Porch, Columbus

BEST COFFEE HOUSE

Strange Brew

Starkville | 662.320.7022
strangebrewcoffeeshop.myshopify.com

Liven up your daily grind with a morning pick-me-up from Strange Brew Coffee House in Starkville. Not just your average cup of joe, Strange Brew offers fresh, Mississippi-roasted brews—in a variety of flavors, like the popular Blueberry Cobbler—and specialty espresso drinks. Can't get to Starkville to try it out? No problem—you can have it shipped right to your door.



AC's, New Albany
Cups, Multiple Locations
The Depot Coffee House and
Bistro, Hattiesburg
929, Starkville

getting out

by medley wohner

BEST WEEKEND TRIP

Natchez

800.647.6724 | visitnatchez.org

Located on the Mississippi River, Natchez graciously invites visitors to experience fine regional foods and sounds at the restaurants and music venues that line Main Street. Stay overnight in antebellum mansions, traverse old cemeteries, and enjoy horse-drawn carriage tours.



Biloxi
Ocean Springs
Oxford
Starkville

BEST MUSEUM

Mississippi Museum of Art

Jackson | 601.960.1515 | msmuseumart.org

Peruse the museum's collections, enjoy sculpture and foliage in the Art Garden, and grab lunch at the gourmet Palette Café by Viking. The Museum of Art offers exhibits by artists from Mississippi and around the globe to captivate tourists and locals alike.



B.B. King Museum, Indianola
Lauren Rogers Museum, Laurel
Natural Science Museum, Jackson
Union County Heritage Museum, New Albany

BEST GOLF COURSE

Old Waverly Golf Club

West Point | 662.494.6463 | oldwaverly.com

With its lush, pristine 18-hole championship course, Old Waverly is not only a Mississippi favorite, but has also been named as one of *Golf week's* and *Golf Digest's* Top 100 courses.



Annandale Golf Club, Madison
Country Club of Jackson, Jackson
Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, Philadelphia
Reunion Golf & Country Club, Madison

BEST HISTORIC SITE

Vicksburg National Military Park

Vicksburg | 601.636.0583 | nps.gov/vick

The Vicksburg National Military Park stands as a monument to the battle for control over the Mississippi River. See the sites of Grant's climactic siege, perch on the point of Fort Hill, explore the USS Cairo, and take a stroll through Mississippi's historic past.



City of Natchez
Elvis Presley Birthplace and Museum, Tupelo
Rowan Oak, Oxford
Windsor Ruins, Port Gibson

BEST PLACE TO LIVE

Madison

601.856.7116 | madisonthecity.com

First established in 1856 as Madison Station on the Illinois Central Railroad, this town has flourished into a lively community where families enjoy the pleasures of small-town living with a dash of metropolitan lifestyle.



Hattiesburg
Ocean Springs
Oxford
Starkville

BEST FAIR OR FESTIVAL

Neshoba County Fair

Philadelphia | 601.656.8480
neshobacountyfair.org

Since 1889, "Mississippi's Giant House Party" has celebrated the state's cultural, political, and agricultural history. This week-long festival hosts amusement rides, games, live music, horse races, crafts, and much more.



Cotton District Arts Festival, Starkville
Double Decker Arts Festival, Oxford
Mississippi State Fair, Jackson
Peter Anderson Festival, Ocean Springs

BEST FLEA MARKET

Tupelo Flea Market

Tupelo | 662.842.4442 | tupelofleamarket.net

Held the second weekend of each month, this market draws vendors and shoppers from around the state and features unique works of art, foods, and furniture.



Canton Flea Market, Canton
Flowood Antique Flea Market, Flowood
Hwy. 49 Flea Market, Hattiesburg
The Lucky Rabbit, Hattiesburg

BEST KID ATTRACTION

Mississippi Children's Museum

Jackson | 601.981.5469
mississippichildrensmuseum.com

For an outing with the kids and the kids at heart, the Mississippi Children's Museum offers interactive exhibits that promote education in art, culture, science, and health. The museum also regularly hosts special exhibitions and events.



Buffalo Park and Zoo, Tupelo
Geyser Falls Water Park, Choctaw
Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Gulfport
Natural Science Museum, Jackson

BEST HOTEL OR RESORT

The Alluvian Hotel

Greenwood | 662.453.2114 | thealluvian.com

The Alluvian is a deluxe resort for those in need of a Delta escape. Relax at the luxurious Alluvian Spa, eat at the hotel's acclaimed restaurant, Giardina's, take culinary classes by the Viking Cooking School, and enjoy modern accommodations in an elegant, cosmopolitan atmosphere.



Hotel Chester, Starkville
Old Capitol Inn, Jackson
The Eola Hotel, Natchez
The White House Hotel, Biloxi

getting out

BEST HIKING AREA / DESTINATION

Natchez Trace

662.680.4025 | nps.gov/natr

Spanning three states, this 444-mile scenic drive only becomes more alluring when passing through Mississippi. There are ample stops to explore, hike, and learn about the rich history of those who previously inhabited the lands, and the abundance of natural beauty on this route makes it a worthwhile destination.



Lake Lowndes State Park, Columbus
Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge,
Brooksville
Tanglefoot Trail, New Albany
Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo

BEST WEDDING VENUE

The South Warehouse

Jackson | 601.939.4518

A cocktail of old Southern charm with an elegant and modern twist, the South Warehouse creates the perfect setting for a dream celebration. With the work of owner Wendy Putt and Fresh Cut Catering and Floral, the rustic ambiance of the South Warehouse blossoms into an enchanting setting.



The Antler, Tupelo
The Barn at Bridlewood, Hattiesburg
The B'nai B'rith Club, Vicksburg
Old Waverly Golf Club, West Point

BEST PARK

Winner's Circle Park

Flowood | 601.992.4440

ci.flowood.ms.us/Recreation.asp

Always bustling with activities and entertainment, this beautiful park is equipped with a playground, tennis courts, amphitheater, and walking track. Have a family picnic or host events at the open-air pavilions. Whether you're with a party or just relaxing under the arbors around the park, Winner's Circle promises hours of fun.



Ballard Park, Tupelo
Park Along the River, New Albany
Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo
Vicksburg National Military Park,
Vicksburg

BEST PERFORMING VENUE

Thalia Mara Hall

Jackson | 601.906.1537

Built in 1968, the 2,040-seat auditorium has hosted numerous plays, concerts, and other performances. Located in the heart of downtown Jackson, Thalia Mara is a definite stop for a taste of Mississippi's rich cultural and artistic heritage.



Bologna Performing Arts Center,
Cleveland
Duling Hall, Jackson
Gertrude Ford Center, Oxford
New Stage Theatre, Jackson

BEST BED AND BREAKFAST

Historic Fairview Inn

Jackson | 888.948.1908 | fairviewinn.com

Built in 1908, this Colonial mansion exudes antiquity and charm. Stop by 1908 Provisions and the Library Lounge for dinner and drinks, or treat yourself to a day in the Nomispa. No matter the occasion, the Fairview is a unique abode for all who want a Southern experience in Jackson.



Anchuca Mansion, Vicksburg
Cedar Grove Inn, Vicksburg
Dunleith Inn, Natchez
Meador Homestead, Hattiesburg

BEST DOWNTOWN AREA

Oxford

662.232.2477 | visitoxfordms.com

Since its incorporation in 1837, Oxford has flourished from its small-town origins into a blend of traditional and modern flair, attracting people from around the country to its scenic Square. Browse trendy boutiques, sample diverse dining options, and enjoy music venues that circle the historic Lafayette County Courthouse. Explore and discover the town that inspired writers like William Faulkner.



Fondren (Jackson)
New Albany
Ocean Springs
Starkville

BEST FARMERS MARKET

Livingston Farmers Market

Madison | 601.401.5040 | thetownoflivingston.com

Every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., the Livingston Farmers Market comes to life in Madison, promising a fun-filled evening for family and friends. Come listen to live music, sample hot meals from featured chefs, and purchase fresh produce from local farmers.



Biscuits and Jam Farmers Market, New Albany
City of Hernando Farmers Market, Hernando
Hitching Lot Farmers Market, Columbus
Starkville Community Market, Starkville



Vivian—styled by **Pop Fizz**, one of this year's MList winners for *Best Place to Find Children's Apparel*—enjoys a Thursday evening at the winner of *Best Farmers Market* in the state, **Livingston Farmers Market**. Her headpiece is provided by **Libby Story**, an MList winner for *Best Place to Find Trendy Clothing*.

by jane walton

seeking out

BEST SOURCE FOR THE WELL-DRESSED MAN

George Sherman

Starkville | 662.323.2326

georgeshermandclothing.com

Since 1973, George Sherman has provided Mississippi's men with specialty products and great service. With quality apparel and a welcoming staff, a trip to George Sherman is sure to be an exceptional—and stylish—experience.



Great Scott, Jackson
Kinkade's, Ridgeland
Reed's, Tupelo, Columbus, and
Starkville
The Rogue, Jackson

BEST PLACE TO FIND TRENDY FASHIONS

Deep South Pout

Starkville and Columbus | 662.324.6055
deepsouthpout.com

Find the most popular brands and latest styles at Deep South Pout. Starkville's college students and the Golden Triangle's style-conscious can count on DSP to know what's trending in fashion, footwear, and accessories to keep their closets cool and current.



Friendgirl Things, McComb
Material Girls, Multiple Locations
Libby Story, Ridgeland and Starkville
Style Revel, Starkville

BEST BRIDAL SHOP

The Bride & Groom

Columbus | 662.327.4337

thebrideandgroomms.com

Nestled in a gorgeous building in historic downtown Columbus, The Bride & Groom is a one-stop shopping experience for the entire wedding party. Beyond a bridal store, The Bride & Groom strives to provide customers with memorable experiences, so that the day they've always dreamed of will be a beautiful one.



Faulkenberry's, Philadelphia and
Meridian
Imaginations, Brookhaven
Kay's Kreations, Tupelo
The Bridal Path, Jackson

BEST KITCHEN SHOP

Everyday Gourmet

Ridgeland | theeverydaygourmet.com
601.977.9258

Whatever your kitchen aspirations may be, Everyday Gourmet is an attainable source for any culinary need. With everything from cookbooks and cutlery to timeless serving dishes and the newest gadgets, Everyday Gourmet is the state's one-stop shop for entertaining, making it a popular registry spot for Mississippi's brides.



Gourmet Galley, Bay St. Louis
The Kitchen Table, Hattiesburg
Thyme, Starkville
Viking Cooking School Store,
Greenwood

BEST MOTHER-OF-THE-BRIDE SHOP

The Bridal Path

Jackson | 601.982.8267

bridalpathinc.com

Mother knows best—and Mississippi mothers know that Southern hospitality, excellent service, and a serious dose of glamour await them at the Bridal Path. With beautiful gowns from a variety of popular designers, every member of the wedding party is sure to find her perfect look.



CoatTails, Ridgeland
Fashion Post, Jackson
Imaginations, Brookhaven
The Bride and Groom, Columbus

BEST PLACE TO FIND A GREAT BOOK

Lemuria

Jackson | 601.366.7619

lemuriabooks.com

With floor-to-ceiling shelves stocked with a variety of genres and an incredible collection of first editions, Lemuria lives up to Mississippi's rich literary history. The vast selection and brilliant staff, paired with in-store signing events and the Oz children's book section, make the expansive, yet cozy, Banner Hall store a haven for book lovers of all ages.



Main Street Books, Hattiesburg
Square Books, Oxford
Turning Pages, Natchez
Turnrow, Greenwood

BEST PLACE FOR GREAT FURNITURE

Miskelly Furniture and Ashley Home Store

Multiple Locations | 601.939.5303

miskellys.com, ashleyfurniturehomestore.com

Home to the South's largest collection of furniture and accessories, Miskelly Furniture and Ashley Home Store offer high-end pieces for the home at affordable prices. Over 35 years ago, three brothers founded Miskelly's with the vision to serve both their customers and community. Having been named by Home Furnishings Business as the #1 Independent Furniture Retailer, Miskelly's and Ashley are ideal destinations for the stylish and budget-savvy shopper.



Batte Furniture and Interiors,
Jackson
J. Allan's, Brookhaven and
Hattiesburg
Ross Furniture, Flowood
SummerHouse, Ridgeland

BEST PLACE TO FIND NEW COLLECTIBLES/HOME ACCESSORIES

Aspen Bay

Starkville | 800.819.7631
aspenbaycandles.com

When strolling down Starkville's Main Street, the creative window displays of Aspen Bay are sure to catch your eye—and that's only the beginning. Step inside, breathe in the welcoming aroma coming from the company's Mississippi-made, globally-loved candles, and browse an array of unique home goods like vintage throws, modern kitchen wares, gorgeous pottery, and, yes, lots and lots of candles.



J. Allan's, Brookhaven and
Hattiesburg
MODA, New Albany
Sprout, Starkville
SummerHouse, Ridgeland

BEST PLACE TO FIND GREAT ANTIQUES

Beard's Antiquities on 5th

Columbus | 662.386.6157

beardsantiques.com

Searching for the place to find that special, one-of-a-kind addition to your home? Look no further than Beard's Antiquities on 5th in Columbus. With new pieces of estate furniture and jewelry, art, décor, and repurposed antiques arriving often, Beard's is home to an array of vintage treasures for shoppers on the hunt for unique pieces.



Antique Shops of Jackson, Jackson
Captain Kidd's Treasure House,
Hattiesburg
Interior Spaces, Jackson
Russell's Antiques, Greenwood

BEST PLACE TO FIND ART

Brown's Framing and Fine Art

Jackson | 601.982.4844
brownsfineart.com

What began as a small storefront in 1965 has grown into a 6,000-square-foot gallery of diverse pieces that will make a lasting first impression in any space. Brown's seeks to highlight Mississippi talent and also features unique regional and national work appealing to the eclectic Southern buyer. The gallery features a variety of styles, mediums, and options for any budget and provides customers with a warm, attentive shopping experience.



Rosenzweig, Columbus
Southern Breeze, Ridgeland
The Attic, Vicksburg
VIEW GALLERY, Jackson

BEST GIFT SHOP

Apple Annie's

Brandon and Madison | 601.992.9925
shopappleannies.com

Providing delectable treats, trendy jewelry, and plenty in between, Apple Annie's is a one-stop gift shop for any occasion. The signature gourmet appetizer and dessert mixes—specially made for the store—have become something of a tasty tradition throughout Mississippi. With two locations in the Jackson metro area, Apple Annie's also offers clothing, accessories, and décor, ensuring there's something for everyone on your list.



Aspen Bay, Starkville
Giggleswick, Starkville
Persnickety, Madison
Purple Elephant, Starkville and
Columbus

BEST YARD AND GARDEN SHOP

Lakeland Yard & Garden

Flowood | 601.939.7304
lakelandyardandgarden.com

Encompassing a sprawling 17 acres, Lakeland Yard & Garden serves as Mississippi's largest retail nursery. Whether you're an experienced landscaper or a gardening novice, Lakeland Yard & Garden's top-quality plant materials, variety of garden supplies, furniture, and accessories, and friendly, knowledgeable staff can help bring out the green thumb in everyone.



Bloomer's, Caledonia
Callaway's Yard and Garden,
Ridgeland
Martinson's Garden Works,
Ridgeland
Sprout, Starkville

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BEST PLACE TO FIND A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

Flowers by the Bunch

Starkville | 662.323.9580
flowersbythebunch.biz

From a simple “just because” bouquet to large events and weddings, Starkville’s Flowers by the Bunch provides fresh, creative designs. Having worked in the floral industry for over a decade, owner and creative director Monti Winston King is devoted to creating unique arrangements that not only serve as artistic statements, but also touch the lives of those who receive them.



A Daisy a Day, Jackson
Mostly Martha’s, Ridgeland
Oxford Floral, Oxford
Soirée Gifts and Floral, Madison

BEST CONSIGNMENT OR RESALE SHOP

Repeat Street/Repeat Street Revolution

Ridgeland and Starkville | 601.605.9123
repeatstreet.net, consignrevolution.com

Ever changing and always eclectic, the inventory at Repeat Street makes for quite the shopping adventure. Housing over 17,000 square feet of consignment fashions and furniture in its Ridgeland location, it’s easy to see how Repeat Street has become the premier consignment shop for those seeking unique additions to their home or wardrobe.



Bloomingdeals, Jackson
Forget Me Nots, Brandon
Lucky Rabbit, Hattiesburg
Orange Peel, Jackson

BEST PLACE TO FIND ANTIQUE JEWELRY

Juniker Jewelry

Jackson | 601.366.3754
junikerjewelry.com

For a sparkling way to celebrate life’s milestones, Juniker Jewelry is Mississippi’s ultimate source of antique fine jewelry. For four generations, the Ravenstein family has remained passionate about providing one-of-a-kind pieces from eras past and has also launched the popular Heritage Collection, which creates vintage-inspired rings for modern buyers with classic tastes.



Allen’s Fine Jewelry, Winona and
Grenada
Beard’s Antiquities on 5th,
Columbus
Nancy Price, Jackson
Van Atkins, New Albany

BEST PLACE TO FIND FINE JEWELRY

Van Atkins

New Albany | 662.534.5012
vanatkins.net

Diamonds are a girl’s best friend, but Van Atkins doesn’t just stop there. With a collection of superior diamonds, silver, gold, and one-of-a-kind estate pieces, discerning shoppers are sure to find a piece that will be cherished for years to come. Revered as one of the country’s most prized diamond retailers, Van Atkins is a true Mississippi gem.



Albriton’s, Jackson
Allen’s, Winona and Grenada
Juniker Jewelry, Jackson
Lights Jewelers, Hattiesburg

BEST PLACE TO FIND SHOES AND ACCESSORIES

Maison Weiss

Jackson | 601.981.4621
maisonweiss.com

From the first step through the front door, it’s clear that the Maison Weiss shopping experience will be one of luxury. With an attentive staff and impressive roster of high-end shoe, handbag, and accessory labels, the Highland Village staple has become the destination for chic shoppers seeking the perfect finishing touches for their ensembles.



Arco Avenue, Ridgeland
CoatTails, Ridgeland
Deep South Pout, Starkville and
Columbus
Reed’s, Tupelo, Columbus, and
Starkville

BEST SOURCE FOR THE WELL-DRESSED WOMAN

CoatTails

Ridgeland | 601.853.1313
coattailsllc.com

Mississippi’s most stylish ladies look to CoatTails when seeking the finest that fashion has to offer. Located in a beautiful two-story space in Ridgeland, CoatTails provides shoppers with access to some of the most sought-after luxury brands in apparel, accessories, and beauty. The experienced sales associates ensure each customer is dressed their best, whatever the occasion.



Deep South Pout, Columbus and
Starkville
Maison Weiss, Jackson
Treehouse Boutique, Jackson
Village Tailor, Oxford



Vivian plays dress-up in beautiful couture gowns and shoes, high-end jewelry, and handbags at **CoatTails** in Ridgeland, winner of the *Best Source for the Well-Dressed Woman*.

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BEST STATIONERY SHOP

Fresh Ink

Jackson | 601.982.0235
fresh-ink.myshopify.com

At Fresh Ink, it's about much more than just paper. The store prides itself on providing a personal experience for customers, whether by creating a wedding suite, designing a unique birthday invitation, or jazzing up snail-mail with a stylish personal card. From party planning to party decor, Fresh Ink also has a great assortment of party goods and gift options.



Forrest Paper Company, Hattiesburg
Holmes Stationers and Gifts,
Summit
Party & Paper, Columbus
The Paper Place, Jackson

BEST PLACE TO PAMPER A PET

Diva Dog

Ridgeland | 601.856.1616

When Fido needs a new toy or a new 'do, Diva Dog is the spot for all of your pooch's needs. The apparel and product boutique offers a range of items, while the exclusive pet spa provides services like grooming and teeth cleaning, as well as fun extras like hair dye and pet earrings. No matter which Diva Dog service you select, your four-legged friend is sure to be pampered.



Briarwood Pet Shop, Jackson
Shaggy Hound, Starkville
Tailwaggers, D'Iberville
The Dog Wash, Jackson

BEST SALON

Tokros

Starkville | 662.324.1967
tokrossalon.com

Located on Starkville's Main Street, Tokros has provided Golden Triangle residents with exceptional styling for over a decade. If you're seeking a fresh cut, new color, or any other salon services Tokros has to offer, the talented and fun staff will ensure that you leave feeling your best and that you have a great time while you're there.



Barnette's, Jackson and Ridgeland
Blush, Hattiesburg
LaCru, Flowood
Salon 11, Ridgeland

BEST DAY SPA

Aqua the Day Spa

Ridgeland | 601.898.9123
aquathedayspa.com

Exceptional service and the most current treatments have made Aqua the Day Spa a Best of Mississippi mainstay. The spa's serene facilities and array of facial and body treatments provide a relaxing escape from the everyday hustle and bustle, allowing customers to leave refreshed and rejuvenated.



The Alluvian, Greenwood
Brickerton Day Spa, Columbus
Bella Derma, Columbus
Vitality Spa, Starkville and Columbus

BEST PLACE TO FIND GREAT BABY ITEMS

Sweet Dreams

Madison | 601.856.2080

Sweet Dreams of Madison offers apparel and accessories with Mississippi's littlest residents in mind. Stop in for a variety of everyday options, as well as special occasion items, monogrammed pieces, and personalized handprint pottery—sweet, indeed!



Giggleswick, Starkville
Nursery Rhymes, Jackson
Polka Tots, Starkville
Sprout, Starkville

BEST PLACE TO FIND CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

Polka Tots

Starkville | Polka-tots.com
662.324.2114

Tots of all ages can find great looks at Polka Tots, a children's boutique nestled on Main Street in Starkville. With a variety of sets and jonjons for the youngest gentlemen and glitzy pieces from The Fancy Boutique sure to delight the littlest ladies, Polka Tots has it all, making it a favorite of Mississippi moms.



Helen's Young Ages, Jackson
Pop Fizz, Jackson and Ridgeland
Punkin Patch, Cleveland
Sweet Dreams, Madison

