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Hey there, *I'm Michelle McGill*

I'm a Golden Triangle Realtor, boy mom, mimi, dog mom, and coffee lover who loves calling this community home. I've had the privilege of helping many families buy and sell homes across Starkville, Columbus, and West Point, and along the way I've discovered so many great local spots. This guide is my way of sharing my favorite local spots and businesses with you this summer!

Michelle McGill

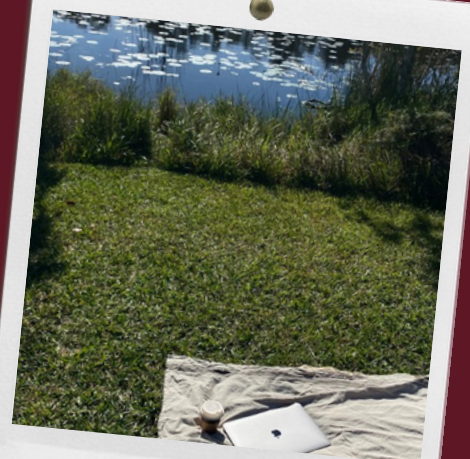
...a few things I love about summer in the Golden Triangle



sunset hangs at the river



park hopping with Luke



picnics by the water

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SUMMER *bucket* LIST



- ☐ Walk sunset trails at Noxubee Refuge
- ☐ Catch MSU baseball at Dudy Noble Field
- ☐ Grab Boardtown treats after dinner
- ☐ Paddle Tibbee Creek at Columbus Marina
- ☐ Tour homes during Columbus Pilgrimage
- ☐ Sip coffee at The Depot in Starkville
- ☐ Shop farmers market at Fire Station Park
- ☐ Watch fireworks at Starkville Sportsplex
- ☐ Picnic along Columbus Riverwalk
- ☐ Fish at Lake Lowndes State Park
- ☐ Browse Friendly City Books downtown
- ☐ Brunch at Harveys in Starkville
- ☐ Catch live music at Rick's Cafe
- ☐ Walk downtown West Point at sunset

CONCERTS *and* EVENTS

MAY

Market Street Festival

May 2 | Downtown Columbus

Zach Bryan at Davis Wade Stadium

May 2 | Davis Wade Stadium, Starkville

Eighth of May Emancipation Celebration

May 8 | Sandfield Cemetery, Columbus

Possum Town Throwdown

May 16 | Columbus Fairgrounds

Traditions Taste & Tunes

May 22 | Riverwalk Stage, Columbus

JUNE

Barn Concert Series

June 4 | Mac Davis Road, Columbus

Starkville Community Market

June 6 | Fire Station Park, Starkville

BuildHER Construction Camp

June 9 | EMCC Golden Triangle Campus

Sounds of Summer

June 11 | Columbus Soccer Complex

Lemonade Day Columbus

June 13 | Downtown Columbus

JULY

Independence Day Fireworks

July 4 | Starkville Sportsplex / Columbus Riverwalk

Fire Station Park, Starkville

July 7 | Starkville Public Library

Starkville Community Market

July 11 | Fire Station Park, Starkville

Starkville Library Programs

July 21 | Starkville Public Library

Miss Rainey Storytime

July 29 | Starkville Public Library

AUGUST

Starkville Community Market

August 1 | Fire Station Park, Starkville

Saturday Sports Injury Clinic

August 1 | Columbus Orthopaedic – Starkville

Miss Rainey Storytime

August 5 | Starkville Public Library

Back to School Community Events

August 8 | Various locations

Common Threads Program

August 19 | Starkville Public Library



SUMMER *eats* *and* DRINKS

COFFEE

The Depot Coffee House
Strange Brew Coffeehouse
Coffee Prose Midtown
Uptown Coffee Company

RESTAURANTS

The Coffee Bar at The Mill
Nine Twenty Nine Coffee Bar
Coffee Prose on Main
The Depot Patio

DRINKS

Harvey's
Two Brothers Smoked Meats
Huck's Place
J. Broussard's

SWEETS

Boardtown Frozen Treats
Bop's Frozen Custard
Gratia Artisanal Eatery
Starkville Bakery



NEW *and* coming SOON

THE MILL AT MSU

Mixed-use retail, dining & hotel district near campus in Starkville.

CHICK-FIL-A (NEW LOCATION)

Second Starkville location planned to expand capacity near Hwy 12.

SCOOTER'S COFFEE

Drive-thru coffee chain expanding into Starkville market near MSU corridor.

7 BREW COFFEE

High-volume drive-thru coffee concept planned for Starkville retail growth area.

ALDI

Discount grocery store announced for Columbus bringing new retail competition to Hwy 45 corridor.

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE RETAIL GROWTH

New small businesses + services expanding near base corridor

STARBUCKS (NEW BUILD)

Additional location planned to support Columbus retail growth traffic.

WHATABURGER (NEW LOCATION)

Expansion continues in Columbus adding to Hwy 45 commercial growth.

BOB'S SIDE PIECE

Collaboration between Dead Bob's owner and DeLosa's Pizzeria owner on Central Avenue in St. Pete.

POPEYES (NEW BUILD)

New quick-service restaurant planned for Columbus retail corridor.

NEW RETAIL SHOPS AT THE MILL

Boutique retail + dining concepts continuing to open near MSU

DOWNTOWN STARKVILLE REDEVELOPMENT

New small business storefronts and retail infill underway



SUMMER *vacations*

NOT BEACHES (BUT STILL WORTH IT)

Waverley Mansion Grounds – shaded summer walks
MSU Campus – quiet mornings + tree-lined paths
Columbus Riverwalk – breezy sunset strolls
West Point Greenwave Trail – local hidden gem
The Mill District – shops + open-air space

CAMPING

Lake Lowndes Campground – lakeside + shaded sites
Legion State Park – cabins + pine forest trails
Tishomingo State Park – rock bluffs + creek camps
Pickensville Campgrounds – quiet river nights
Jeff Busby Park – hilltop views + cool breezes

DAY TRIPS

Mississippi State University Campus – stroll Drill Field + campus spots
Oktibbeha County Heritage Museum – local history + quick visit
Tennessee Williams Home and Welcome Center – literary stop + exhibits
Columbus Arts Council – galleries + rotating exhibits
Howlin' Wolf Blues Museum – Delta music history stop

LAKES + RIVERS

Noxubee Refuge Bluff Lake – calm water + wildlife
Tenn-Tom Waterway – fishing + sunset views
Lake Lowndes – easy access + summer swimming
Tibbee Creek – paddle-friendly + peaceful
Luxapallila Creek – hidden spots + shade



FARMERS *markets*

STARKVILLE COMMUNITY MARKET

405 Lynn Lane, Starkville, MS 39759 (Fire Station Park)
Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM (May–August)

WEST POINT FARMERS MARKET

209 Court St, West Point, MS 39773
Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
(seasonal summer schedule)

HITCHING LOT FARMERS MARKET (COLUMBUS)

207 2nd Ave N, Columbus, MS 39701
Saturdays, 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM (May–August)

MSU FARMERS MARKET

225 Lee Blvd, Starkville, MS 39762
Thursdays, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM (summer months)



FOR the KIDS



CAMPS

Mississippi State University Summer Camps
Starkville Parks & Recreation Summer Camps
Columbus Arts Council Summer Programs
YMCA of the Golden Triangle Summer Camp

ADVENTURES

Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge
Lake Lowndes State Park
Columbus Riverwalk
Tibbee Creek Kayaking Access

KID-FRIENDLY EATS

Huck's Place
Harvey's
Little Dooey
Lost Pizza Co.

CELEBRATE *mother's* DAY



RESTAURANTS

Harvey's

J. Broussard's

The Veranda

Old Hickory Steak House

ADVENTURES

Facial at Magnolia Skin Studio

Massage at La'Bella Bodywork

Blowout at Hair by Ali

Facial at Gloss Skin Studio

LOCAL GIFTS

University Florist

Chapman's Flowers

The Flower Basket

Petal Pushers

CELEBRATE *father's* DAY



RESTAURANTS

Harvey's

Little Dooey

Huck's Place

Old Hickory Steak House

ADVENTURES

Fish at Lake Lowndes State Park

Kayak at Tibbee Creek

Walk Noxubee Wildlife Refuge

Hit balls at Lion Hills Golf Course

LOCAL GIFTS

BBQ rubs at The Little Dooey Shop

Leather goods at Reed's Columbus

Books at Friendly City Books

MSU gear at Campus Book Mart



Wishing you a great Summer in the Golden Triangle

I hope this guide inspires you to get out and enjoy everything the Golden Triangle has to offer this season.

And if you need help buying, selling, or relocating, I'm here to be a resource.

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REACH OUT!

Have questions about real estate in the Golden Triangle? You don't have to be ready to buy or sell to get in touch! Send me an email or schedule a call below.

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