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Nicole Moon: TJ Maxx (I know it’s not a hidden gem, but the Athens TJ Maxx is far superior than all others.)

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Michele Filippol Bolduc: I won’t tell you our secret gems, but I do love sitting on the river at Ben Burton or on the lake at Sandy Creek. Also, the Memorial Park is one of our family favorites – playground, feeding the ducks, and checking on “our” animals at the zoo.

Megan Wilkes: Trail Creek is my favorite Athens trail. Condor Chocolate is my favorite hidden gem (if that counts)

William Knight Jr.: On campus, walking one end to other (Georgia Center, loop around North Campus, to Stadium, and back); outside Athens Hurricane Shoals Park in Jackson County has some great trails and can cool off in the falls during summer

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Emily Salvia: Condor Chocolates at 5 Points has great espresso.

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For a self-guided tour, visit bit.ly/UGAtour.

Looking to start a new walking routine? Try one of our campus loops that have been created for you. For beginners, the North Campus Arch .25 Mile Loop and North Campus .5 Mile Loop are perfect. Looking for a little more? Try the East Campus Mile Loop.

For a set of maps, please visit bit.ly/UGAwalkingmap.

The wonders of campus are all around us, so take time to get lost and discover historic landmarks, gardens, fountains, and more!

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Q. Anything else you’d like to know?

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