



## Gator Invitational Dining Guide

### Jackson's best dining (near Residence Inn by Marriott)

#### **Walker's:**

Nestled in the Fondren arts district of Jackson, Mississippi, Walker's Drive-In offers the culinary specialties of Chef Derek Emerson. Walker's offers an upscale experience in a casual atmosphere, featuring local ingredients from the region, sustainable seafood, and only the finest quality aged beef. [View Walker's menus](#)

#### **Manship:**

Located in the historic Belhaven neighborhood, Manship's menu captures the flavorful cuisine of the countries surrounding the Mediterranean while maintaining a southern flair. The seasonal menus feature the freshest ingredients, and the craft cocktail program is a nod to prohibition-era cocktails handmade with Manship's unique twists. The Manship is a neighborhood spot with a big city feel, packed full of interesting and unique flavors fit for every palate. [Manship Dinner Menu](#)

#### **Cultivation Food Hall:**

Located in the brand new District @ Eastover, Mississippi's first food hall showcasing a carefully curated collection of boutique restaurant concepts, specialty coffees and classic, craft cocktails. There is truly something for everybody at Cultivation. [Check out their Vendors](#)

#### **Fine & Dandy:**

There is nothing quite as comforting as diner food. At Fine & Dandy, you'll have a chance to have your diner food and your elevated experience all in one place. In a style the owner calls "grandma chic", you'll find a burger joint based on southern cuisine with a modern twist. And you won't find a better burger in town. Also located within the District @ Eastover [Check out their menus](#)

#### **Aplos:**

Aplos, a Greek word meaning "simple", is a fast-fine Mediterranean restaurant located in the beautiful Courtyard area of the Highland Village shopping center. The menu consists of spit fired meats showcased on Mediterranean wraps, salads and Italian Neapolitan style pizzas.

### Ridgeland's best dining (near Hyatt Place & Town Place Suites)

#### **Tico's Steakhouse:**

The CCJ's own Tico Hoffman owns and operates the area's oldest and most well known steakhouse—Tico's. An avid golfer, Tico sought to give his restaurant the feel of the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole, with the quality of America's finest steakhouses. For nearly 30 years, Tico has delighted customers with his unique blend of mouth-watering steaks, sumptuous seafood dishes and other local favorites. [Tico's menu](#)

#### **Koestler Prime:**

The newest member to the area's fine dining scene comes from another CCJ member Scott Koestler, who has successfully operated one of Mississippi's finest steakhouses for the previous 20 years. At Koestler Prime, you'll find the highest end options our area has to offer. Known so well for his steaks, the lamb, veal and seafood options are outstanding as well. Koestler Prime has taken the metro area dining scene by storm with outstanding quality, service and fine dining atmosphere. [Koestler Prime menu](#)

#### **Local 463:**

The sister restaurant to Walker's Drive-in, Local 463 offers a more chic twist on many of the favorites that have made Walker's one of the most popular restaurants in town. Local 463 sources the freshest local ingredients and prepares his take on southern comfort food with a big city twist. [Check out Local 463's menus](#)

*There are obviously many more outstanding dining options in and around our area. However, these are places we would vouch for and they are all supporters of The Gator Invitational. We encourage you to support these establishments and we can guarantee you won't leave disappointed—unless you don't like good food!!*