Evening Itineraries for July 1st in Atlanta (Post 5 PM)

Welcome to Atlanta and the Georgia Institute of Technology for the 22nd INFORMS Applied Probability Society Conference, taking place from June 30th to July 3rd, 2025, at the Georgia Tech Exhibition Hall! We're thrilled to host you in this vibrant city, known for its rich history, dynamic culture, and Southern hospitality. All the restaurants suggested below can be found on this single Google Maps link.

Plan A: Scenic Stroll and Casual Dinner

• 5:15 PM: Head to Atlanta BeltLine Eastside Trail

Begin with a 20-minute walk starting here along the Atlanta BeltLine Eastside Trail, and take this route that ends at the North Avenue bridge. Experience Atlanta's urban vibe, street art, and community energy in the evening.

• 5:45 PM: Have Dinner at Ponce City Market

Enjoy a casual dinner at the food hall with options like

- El Super Pan for Latin flavors
- o Botiwalla for Indian street food
- o Ton Ton Ramen and Yakitori
- o Or head to the Rooftop for an amazing ambience

• 7:30 PM: Wrap Up

Return to your accommodation or linger at Ponce City Market for dessert or shopping.

Fancy more walking?

Option 1: Start your urban hike from <u>Piedmont Park</u> and follow this 35-minute <u>route</u> to the North Avenue bridge instead.

Option 2: Start at the Atlanta BeltLine Eastside Trail and walk for 45 minutes to the **Krog Street Market**, taking this <u>route</u>. Replace Ponce City Market with the Krog Street Market which also has a lot of food options!

Option 3: You can follow the route in reverse and end your walk at Piedmont Park. Some food options near Piedmont Park are:

- Park Traven (American)
- The Nook on Piedmont Park (Irish Pub)
- La Hacienda Midtown (Mexican)

Other restaurant options? Instead of heading to Ponce City Market, you can find several restaurents on or near the beltline. You can then head to Ponce City Market for some drinks.

Plan B: Nature and Urban Mix

• 5:15 PM: Head to Atlanta Botanical Garden

It is about a 10-minute cab ride away. You can plan to spend about 1.5 hours enjoying the diverse flora and fauna.

• 7:00 PM: Dinner in Midtown

Midtown has many good restaurant options. The ones that I (or my friends) have tried and liked are:

- Blue India (Indian Cuisine)
- Tabla (Indian Cuisine)
- Agora (Mediterranean)
- <u>Urban Hai</u> (Chinese)
- Park 27 Korean BBQ and Bar
- Nan Thai Fine Dining
- The Consulate Restaurant
- The Vortex Bar and Grill (the best burgers in Atlanta they do have veg options)

• 8:30 PM: Dessert or Drinks

End the day with some dessert or some drinks. Some of the places I like are:

- <u>Sweet Hut Midtown</u> (Dessert)
- <u>Cafe Intermezzo</u> (very European)
- Cypress Street Pint and Plate (Student Bar)
- There are many other places in Midtown. Do a Google search for some!

Skip the Botanical Garden? You can instead take a self-guided GT campus walking tour up to the Scheller College of Business (#21 Stop) and then walk to places to eat in Midtown

Free Alternative to Botanical Garden? You can also head to the **Centennial Olympic Park**. Enjoy the following close to the park:

- The iconic Fountain of Rings
- See the stunning Mercedes-Benz stadium from up close!
- SkyView Atlanta (Ferris Wheel)

Plan C: Grab a Quick Bite

If you are in a hurry and would like to grab a quick bite to eat near the campus, I would suggest the following places (tried and tested):

Good Restaurants Near the Campus:

- Satto Thai and Sushi Bar
- Food Terminal (Asian Fusion)

- Yalda (Persian)
- <u>Cheba Hut (Sandwiches)</u>
- Emmy Squared Pizza
- Antico Pizza
- Rocky Mountain Pizza
- <u>Taqueria Del Sol (Mexican)</u>. Note: One of Siva's favorite restaurants
- Barcelona Wine Bar (Spanish)

Good Places for Drinks:

- Ormsby's (They have a good collection of bar games like darts, pool, board games, etc!
- Puttshack (Indoor Mini golf: gamified with automatic points tracking)
- Northside Tavern (Blues bar, rustic)
- Monday Night Brewing

Good Dessert Options:

- Jeni's Ice Cream
- <u>Saint Germain Bakery</u> (French-style, a bit pricy)

Things to do on other days

<u>The Book of Mormon (Broadway Musical)</u>: If you are here for the summer school or arrive early, you may want to enjoy The Book of Mormon at Fox Theater on June 29 (Sun), 6:30 – 9:00 PM. (Student rush ticket for only \$35, starting two hours before the performance at the box office!)

<u>Wednesday Jazz Jam @ Red Light Café</u>: Like Live music, Jazz, and improvisation? Check out the Wednesday Jazz Jam at <u>Red Light Café</u> near Piedmont Park on July 2(Wed), 9:00 PM for only \$10!

Let us know if you end up trying any of our suggestions!

Yours Truly,

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