The Waverly Local: A Hidden Gem Restaurant with a Captivating History

The Waverly Local is a coveted, hidden gem restaurant serving fresh plates and craft cocktails in the small town of Waverly, AL.



Only 20 minutes outside of Auburn, Waverly, AL, is home to a hidden gem. Since January 2018, The Waverly Local has been serving up phenomenal southern food in the quaint town of Waverly. Nicknamed "A Tri-County Kitchen", The Waverly Local sits on the intersection of Tallapoosa, Chambers and Lee counties. Visitors from Auburn, Lake Martin and Opelika have less than a 30 minute drive to The Waverly Local. Restaurant manager, Mary Beth, said she even has regulars from Birmingham, Montgomery and Atlanta.

The town of Waverly, AL measures only three square miles and is home to about 152 residents. Established in 1835, this small town has a rich history and a close-knit community. The two-lane road that runs straight through this town leads to residential homes and picturesque small

businesses, like the Waverly Local. This restaurant is accompanied by four churches, a

coffee shop, bakery and a local antique store.

Waverly, AL welcomes visitors with its friendly, southern charm. The residents will be the first to tell you that Waverly is a family community. Chad, a server at Waverly Local, cultivates this mentality by treating every customer as family. He said "Everything tastes better with good company". The town of Waverly's motto is "strength woven in" and the grit and attitude of the community truly embodies this.



The building of Waverly Local was formerly a Ford Dealership and then two other restaurants. When part-owner Andy Anderson and chef Christian Watson saw the opportunity for this building arise, they took it, and breathed life into the old space. The exterior and dining room still have an industrial but classic ambiance. Through the classic southern food and local flavors of this spot, Watson and Anderson accomplished their goal of maintaining the vibrant heritage of the location.

The Waverly Local is a must-visit spot when in Alabama. From exceptional brunch to a fine dining menu to dinner, there's something for everyone. Wednesday night specials such as "pint night" and Sunday morning brunch with live music are some of store manager Mary Beth's favorite days. The friendly staff, sweet town and great food makes for an exceptional environment with a rich history woven in. The Town of Waverly and its people will welcome you with open arms and show you just why they are a family community.