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13 great ways to celebrate July 4 in Atlanta

Fireworks, parades, cocktails, and a doughnut-eating contest

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Firework Favorites

Lenox Square: Legendary Fourth of July

This family-friendly tradition includes live music and food, as well as the “America’s Next Legend” talent search. End the night with one of the most extravagant fireworks displays in the Southeast.

[Details](#)

Stone Mountain Park: Fantastic Fourth Celebration

There’s a 4-D movie, SkyHike adventure course, and Geyser Towers for cooling off. Or just enjoy a patriotic picnic on the lawn before the grand Lasershow Spectacular with fireworks for the big red, white, and blue.

[Details](#)

Centennial Olympic Park: 4th of July Celebration

A classic Atlanta fireworks display that can be enjoyed from your favorite blanket on the park’s luscious green lawn, complete with pre-fireworks musical guests J-Fly and Season 5 *American Idol* winner Taylor Hicks.

[Details](#)

Mall of Georgia: Fabulous Fourth

Pre-show festivities include games such as cornhole and live musical performances. And if the booming explosions of American freedom aren't fiery enough, continue the Independence Day celebration with a post-spectacular screening of *Hunger Games: Catching Fire*.

[Details](#)

Family-Friendly Festivities

Marietta Square: Fourth in the Park

Start and end with a classic Independence Day parade and fireworks display, and celebrate in between with free concerts, an arts and crafts festival, food, carnival games, and museum tours. [Details](#)

Callaway Gardens: Star Spangled Beach Party

Your independence deserves to be celebrated all weekend, so why not at the beach? Enjoy paddle boats, mini golf, water slides, and live music all day, followed by a fireworks extravaganza at dark. [Details](#)

Lake Lanier's LanierWorld: The Red, White & Blue Fourth of July Celebration

The weekend-long celebration includes music by Kicks 101.5, musical guests, and a fireworks display at nightfall. And what's not to love about spending the day in American-flag-inspired swim trunks? [Details](#)

Fancy-Schmancy Festivities

W Atlanta-Buckhead's Whiskey Blue: The 4th of July!

For those who prefer viewing fireworks from a seat in the sky while sipping cocktails in corresponding dresses (or ties). [Details](#)

Georgia Aquarium: Red, White & Brew

In addition to some of Atlanta's favorite brews and cuisine, there's a photo-booth and caricature artist to capture the all-American moments of fun. Plus, the parking deck rooftop offers a great view of fireworks displays. [Details](#)

Freedom-Celebrating Fun

Peachtree Road Race

You might not want to wake up before the sun to attack Cardiac Hill, but it's worth staking out a spot to cheer on those who do. Ten points for every Statue of Liberty you see. [Details](#)

Dutch Monkey Doughnuts: Independence Day Doughnut Eating Competition

On your mark, get set, eat ... because there's nothing more American than starting the day off with record-breaking amounts of sugary, deep-fried bread. Yum.

[Details](#)

Braves vs. Diamondbacks: 4th of July All American Fireworks Spectacular

The Atlanta Braves take on the Arizona Diamondbacks in America's classic sport. Whether they bring the win streak to eight games or not, the night still ends with a patriotic fireworks display over Turner Field (... but they better win. Go Braves!). [Details](#)

Six Flags over Georgia: Coca Cola July 4th Fest

Thrill seekers can get their fill and show their patriotism at the weekend-long celebration. A can of Coke serves as your token for early admittance (9:30am), and the festivities culminate 12 hours later with a fireworks display. [Details](#)

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