

Atkins Park's new-fangled, touch-screen jukebox



## ATLANTA IN 75 MINUTES Alpha Soda

The secret to the enduring success of **Alpha Soda**, which first opened in 1920, is its commitment to serving “quality, fresh, healthy, homemade food at a reasonable price,” says Charles Petrakopoulos, one of three current owners. Inside what is one of the Atlanta area’s oldest restaurants and the oldest business in Alpharetta, guests will find Art Deco style and a casual, family-friendly atmosphere that serves as a community meeting place. What began as a soda shop at the back of a pharmacy has evolved into a full-service restaurant where the menu boasts an extensive selection of mouthwatering options served in generous portions. Breakfast is available all day. Popular Southern-style favorites include meatloaf, baked chicken, country-fried pork cutlet, fried catfish plus the more than 20 vegetable sides priced at just \$1.99 each. 11760 Haynes Bridge Rd., Alpharetta, 770-442-3102, [www.alphasoda.com](http://www.alphasoda.com) —HSP

## Juke Joints

Get your groove on and jive to some of your favorite tunes at one of Atlanta’s many juke joints. —HSP

### ATKINS PARK

Atlanta’s oldest continuously-licensed tavern offers something for everyone on its new-fangled, touch-screen jukebox that’s loaded with a diverse selection of tunes from oldies to new releases and also connected so you can download whatever your ears crave. Eclectic food and drink offerings ensure your mouth will be happy, too. 794 N. Highland Ave., 404-876-7249, [www.atkinspark.com](http://www.atkinspark.com)

### SWEET GEORGIA’S JUKE JOINT

Kick back and unwind to the sweet sounds of blues, jazz, soul music and popular American hits at Downtown’s newest juke joint. Live performances add to the mix alongside tasty Southern food, drinks and hospitality. 180 Peachtree St., 404-230-5853, [www.sweetgeorgiasjukejoint.com](http://www.sweetgeorgiasjukejoint.com)

### THE FAMILY DOG

The jukebox at this new neighborhood hotspot is loaded with rhythm and blues, old-school country and a heavy dose of jam bands. Choose some Grateful Dead live sessions and you can hear 45 minutes of music for \$1. Savor it alongside creative farm-to-table pub fare and handcrafted beers and cocktails. 1402 N. Highland Ave., [www.thefamilydogatlanta.com](http://www.thefamilydogatlanta.com)

### STAR COMMUNITY BAR

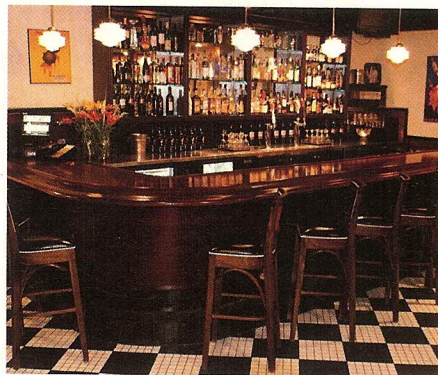
The jukebox at this popular watering hole is hooked up to the Internet so you can listen to just about anything your heart desires for \$1 a play while sipping or swigging a drink in the lounge. Or head upstairs to catch a live musical performance—ranging from rockabilly to rock and swing—on the main stage. 437 Moreland Ave. NE, [www.starbar.net](http://www.starbar.net)

### DIESEL FILLING STATION

This high-tech jukebox boasts an extensive selection of hand-picked bluegrass, rock, pop, dance, techno and death metal songs for 50¢ or download a different song for \$1. Play your pick, but the bartender reserves the right to skip a tune if the majority of folks in the place give it the thumbs down. Watch democracy in action while noshing on flavorful food and drinks. 870 N. Highland Ave. NE, 404-815-1820, [www.dieselatlanta.com](http://www.dieselatlanta.com)

### NORTH HIGHLAND PUB

Every genre of music is loaded onto this jukebox, which customers keep well-fed with coins. But awesome tunes for 50¢ and \$1 are just one part of this pub’s appeal: Tasty pub fare and cold drinks are also big draws. 469 N. Highland Ave. NE, 404-522-4600, [www.bucketshopcafe.com/nhp](http://www.bucketshopcafe.com/nhp)



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