



There's magic coursing through the towns, the people, and the nature of Alabama's Fayette, Lamar, Marion and Winston counties. The hardworking people who call this region home find joy in each other and the beautiful moments they create in a place where it's easy to feel like you belong. A place where culture is inspired by rural charm.

The makers, artists and musicians of Alabama's I-22 Region are built on tradition. Tradition is hand-crafted by 10th generation potters who are using the last known standing mule-powered pug mill in the U.S. Tradition is painted in mud by Jimmie Lee Sudduth, an imaginative artist that believed in creating art with materials the Earth gave him. Tradition is sung through the harmonies of country, gospel, and blues music.

The artists, musicians, and makers of Alabama's I-22 region are genuine, hard-working people who are inspired by nature and the welcoming community around them. If you love history, art, and anything you can call "one-of-a-kind," this is the place for you.

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| 1 Fannie's                            | 9 Welcome to Vernon Mural         |
| 2 Golden Eagle Syrup Co. & Mural      | 10 Todd's Smokehouse Barbecue     |
| 3 Alabama Sunshine                    | 11 Brown's Pottery & Sons         |
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| 5 Tribute to Jimmie Lee Sudduth Mural | 13 Holiday Inn Guin               |
| 6 Frog Level Festival Mural           | 14 Wood Studio                    |
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# 36 Hours Exploring Arts, Music, & Makers

# Alabama's I-22 Region

# Route.

## Fayette > Lamar > Marion > Winston

Start your day with breakfast at **1 Fannie's** and enjoy the *Build Your Own Breakfast Omelets* and add an English muffin topped off with locally made **2 Golden Eagle Syrup** or **3 Alabama Sunshine** Jam/Jelly – we are partial to the Zesty Kudzu Jelly.

View over 4000 pieces of art in six different folk-art galleries at the **4 Fayette Art Museum**. Fayette, Alabama, was put on the tourist map when National Geographic flagged the museum as a regional attraction in 1999. The Fayette Art Museum often puts on events for all ages, so be sure to check that out when planning a trip. Initially housed in Fayette City Hall, the museum is now located in the Fayette Civic Center, originally the Fayette Grammar School, built in the 1930s and restored in 1982. Look for paintings by **Jimmy Lee Sudduth** who used colorful paints known as “sweet mud” from a mixture of backyard clay, wild plants and sugary soft drinks. Be sure to snap a selfie at the **5 Tribute to Jimmie Lee Sudduth Mural** and use #SweetHomeMurals to stamp your passport on the Alabama Mural Trail. Find more at [alabamamuraltrail.org](http://alabamamuraltrail.org). You may also pass by the **6 Frog Level Festival Mural** and the **7 Town of Glen Allen Mural** while in this area.

### Take a taste of the I-22 region home with you!

Be sure to visit **Alabama Sunshine** and watch local people using locally-grown peppers to produce tasty gourmet products in Fayette, Alabama. Visit [alabamasunshine.com](http://alabamasunshine.com) for products and recipes to enjoy your wares in your home and wow your guests!

If you want something on the sweeter side, grab a bottle of Fayette's own **Golden Eagle Syrup** to take home with you to remember your I-22 adventures. Golden Eagle Syrup was created in 1928 and has been a favorite of generations of families since then. Still produced in Fayette, Alabama, Golden Eagle Syrup offers enjoyable and affordable syrup unlike any other. Golden Eagle Syrup isn't just limited to pancakes and waffles; recipes for pecan pie, beans, barbecue sauce, caramel corn and cookies are listed on the website as well. Snap a selfie with the **Golden Eagle Syrup Company Mural** and use #sweethomemurals when posting.

Before leaving Fayette, be sure to stop at **8 Ron's Pottery** to take home pottery, sculptures, and encaustic crayon drawings made from raw materials into items of beauty.

As we head to Lamar County home of famed Alabama folk potter **Jerry Brown** and Muscle Shoals musician **Dan Penn**, let's check another stop off the Alabama Mural Trail list and visit the **9 Welcome to Vernon Mural**. Are you hungry for lunch? Grab a bite where the locals go at **10 Todd's Smokehouse** in Vernon with a wonderful family atmosphere. The burger and onion rings come highly recommended, but if you are looking for a lighter side there is a large variety of salads as well.

The clay-rich terrain in this region attracts potters. Alabama's most famous folk potter, **Jerry Brown** was born in Sulligent and his workshop and storefront is located in nearby Hamilton in Marion County. Brown's old world craftsmanship won him loyal fans as well as prestigious Alabama Folk Heritage and National Heritage awards. Which is your favorite “ugly jug”? If you love history, if you love art, and if you love something “different,” you've come to the right place at **11 Brown's Pottery & Sons**. Sit a spell. Watch tenth-generation potter Jeff Wilburn turn pieces of pottery and take a tour. In 1992, Jerry Brown was awarded the National Heritage Fellowship and currently has five pieces of pottery on exhibit in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. In 2003, the **Jerry Brown Arts Festival** was created and has been recognized as a Top 20 event in the Southeastern U.S.

If you are looking for something beautiful yet unique and 100% organic, Missy Miles' **12 Organic Vessels Studio & Gallery** in Hamilton is the place for you. Miles, the reigning and multi-time “Gourd Queen” as selected by the Alabama Gourd Society, has diverse pieces of art which will make you exclaim, “I can't believe that's a gourd!” Nestled away in a beautiful private studio west of Hamilton (and only a couple of miles from Brown & Sons Pottery), this gem is a perfect trip for groups of art enthusiasts who want to add something new and different to their collection. If she doesn't have what you want in stock, she will be glad to create that special, custom-made piece just for you!

How are you doing checking off those murals with a selfie? This area has 12 murals – can you find them all? Be sure to check out **The Alabama Mural Trail** and mark all 12 of the murals in Marion County off your list using #SweetHomeMurals.

After a long day we suggest you overnight in the pet friendly **13 Holiday Inn in Guin** just minutes from downtown. Grille 22, located on property serves breakfast and dinner daily and has nightly drink specials as well as in-room dining six nights a week, closed on Sunday evenings.

After breakfast from **Grille 22**, we suggest you head to the **14 Wood Studio** in Arley where all of the pieces, which use Southern hardwoods, are sanded, turned, and varnished. The owners explain, “A lot of woodworkers use exotic woods from South America and ignore our own woods like sassafras, ash, cherry, oak, walnut, and maple; that's a wonderful range of native materials they're missing.” Wood Studio finds their raw material in demolished buildings and salvaged trees. Once the wood arrives at the shop, it's stacked and air-dried. Air drying takes a couple of years, but nearly everything they do takes more time. There's a lot of preparation, knowledge, and skill that goes into preparing the wood so that the end product is going to hold together for 100 to 200 years. Check out all their wares at [woodstudiostore.squarespace.com](http://woodstudiostore.squarespace.com).

While in the area take advantage of getting to check off one of the **100 Dishes to Eat in Alabama Before You Die** and stop by the original **15 Guthrie's** that was opened in Haleyville, Alabama, in 1965 by Hal Guthrie. The restaurant originally served a full menu of Southern food, but in 1978 it was changed to focus primarily on their famous chicken fingers.

### More Dining Options

Belk Kountry Kitchen  
6885 HWY 96  
Fayette, AL 35555  
Breakfast or lunch

Front Porch  
4031 Hwy 278,  
Sulligent, AL 35586

Oh! Bryans Family Steakhouse  
390 Rock Cliff Road  
Hamilton, AL 35570

Poppy's Smokehouse  
31695 Highway 278  
Addison, AL 35540

### More Lodging Options

Dragon Inn and Suites  
2448 Temple Ave N  
Fayette, AL 35555

Country Squire Motel  
4555 HWY 278  
Sulligent, AL 35586

Snowbird Retreat  
2249 Co. Rd. 870  
Crane Hill, AL 35053