

Moving to Huntsville and North Alabama

A local guide to communities, commuters,
homes, and everyday life.



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Huntsville and North Alabama at a Glance



10

communities
in this guide



3

counties
to compare



3

major employment
anchors: Redstone
Arsenal, Research Park,
Manufacturing



Data current
as of August
2026

10 COMMUNITIES IN THIS GUIDE



The right choice depends on where you work, how you live, and how much driving you want.

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Is Huntsville and North Alabama Right for You?



Start with the tradeoffs, not the listings.



Why people choose it

Jobs, growth, outdoor access, and a lower-cost starting point than many major metros.



What may surprise you

Heat, traffic, car dependence, pollen, and the tradeoff between convenience and space.

Seasonal Weather



Spring: Storms, pollen, and fast-changing weather.

- March: High 65° / Low 46° - 9 days of rain
- April: High 73° / Low 53° - 8 days of rain
- May: High 81° / Low 62° - 9 days of rain



Summer: Heat, humidity, and long bright days.

- June: High 89° / Low 70° - 7 days of rain
- July: High 90° / Low 72° - 8 days of rain
- August: High 89° / Low 71° - 8 days of rain



Fall: Comfortable outdoor weather and changing color.

- September: High 84° / Low 65° - 5 days of rain
- October: High 74° / Low 55° - 5 days of rain
- November: High 63° / Low 45° - 5 days of rain



Winter: Mild stretches, with occasional snow or ice that can disrupt the city.

- December: High 55° / Low 40° - 8 days of rain
- January: High 51° / Low 36° - 8 days of rain
- February: High 56° / Low 45° - 8 days of rain

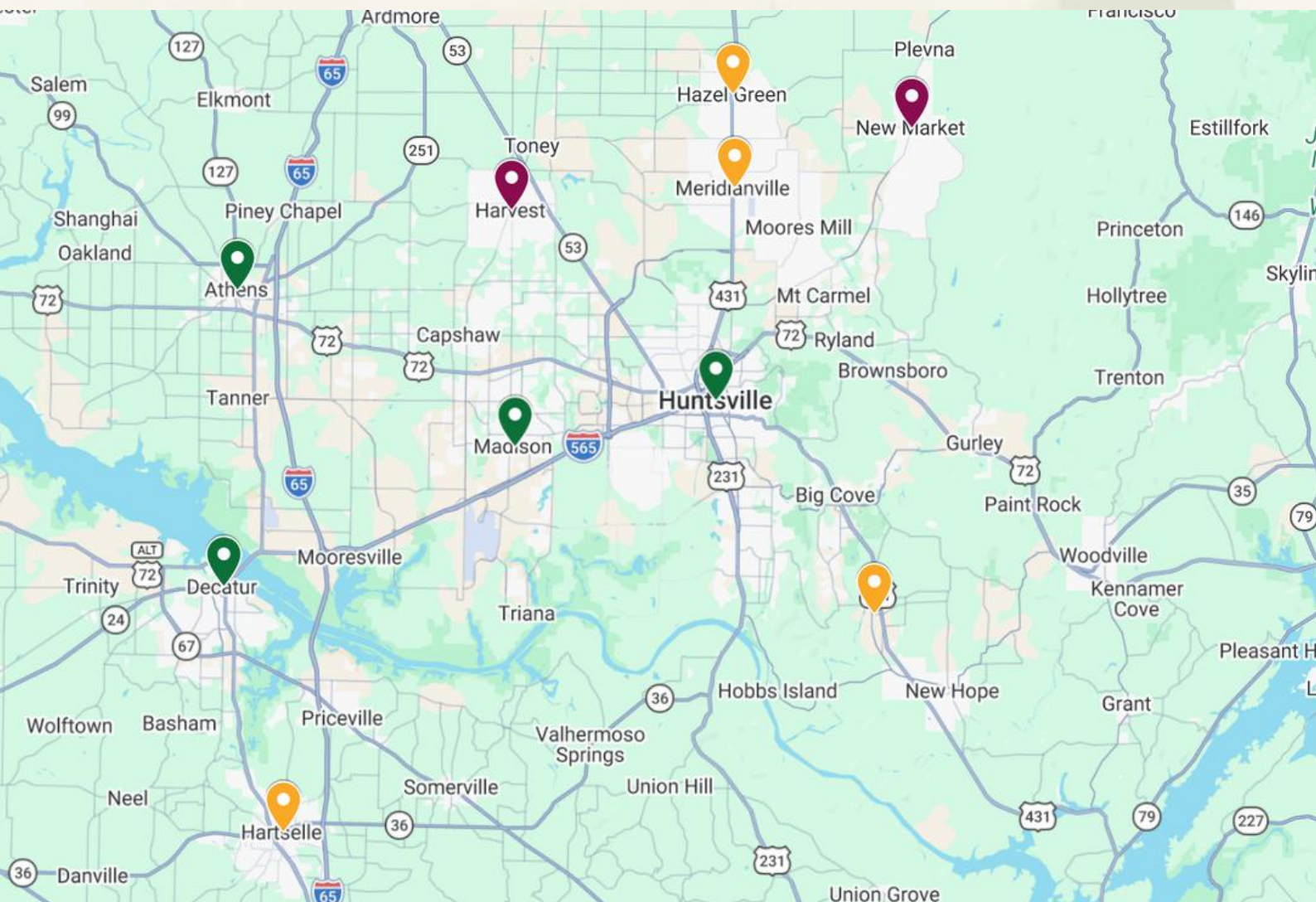


Visit in the season you think will be hardest for you.



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Understanding the Area



The map is the beginning. Your work location, daily route, and preferred lifestyle narrow the shortlist.



Huntsville Employers

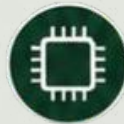
The worksite often determines the right side of the map.



Aerospace +
defense



Redstone
Arsenal



Research Park
+ technology



Manufacturing,
healthcare +
education

Start with the job location, then compare
the communities that fit your weekly commute.



School Considerations



Schools are address-specific. Treat them as a research question, not a neighborhood label.



1. Confirm the home is in the desired school zone.



2. Check current district information and report-card sources.



3. Compare the full routine: commute, childcare, activities, and daily logistics.

Starting Resources

[Alabama State Report Card](#)

[Niche.com](#)

[GreatSchools.Org](#)

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Verify current information from a variety of sources directly before making a decision.



Quick Area Comparison

At-a-glance look at home price, convenience, Huntsville commute, and lot size.

Area	Convenience (Retail & Dining)	Home Price (Median Sold Price)	Huntsville Commute (Typical Range)	Lot Size (Average)
Huntsville	★★★★★	★★★★☆ \$472K	★★★★★ ~20+ min in town	★★★★☆ 0.45 ac
Madison	★★★★★	★☆☆☆☆ \$541.5K	★★★★★ 18–35+ min 16.5 mi	★☆☆☆☆ 0.37 ac
Athens	★★★☆☆	★★☆☆☆ \$487.5K	★★☆☆☆ 35–55+ min 34 mi	★★☆☆☆ 0.43 ac
Decatur	★★★★★	★★★★★ \$390K	★★☆☆☆ 30–55+ min 25.7 mi	★★☆☆☆ 0.43 ac
Meridianville	★☆☆☆☆	★★★★★ \$455K	★★★★★ 18–35+ min 10 mi	★☆☆☆☆ 0.36 ac
Harvest	★☆☆☆☆	★★★★★ \$390K	★★☆☆☆ 23–50+ min 15 mi	★★★★☆ 0.46 ac
Hazel Green	★★☆☆☆	★★★★★ \$364K	★★★★★ 24–45+ min 15 mi	★★★★★ 0.57 ac
New Market	★☆☆☆☆	★★★★★ \$462.8K	★★★★★ 30–40 min 19 mi	★★★★★ 0.57 ac
Owens Cross Roads	★★☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆ \$565K	★★★★★ 20–40+ min 14 mi	★☆☆☆☆ 0.35 ac
Hartselle	★★☆☆☆	★★★★★ \$387.5K	★☆☆☆☆ 35–55+ min 35 mi	★★★★★ 0.55 ac

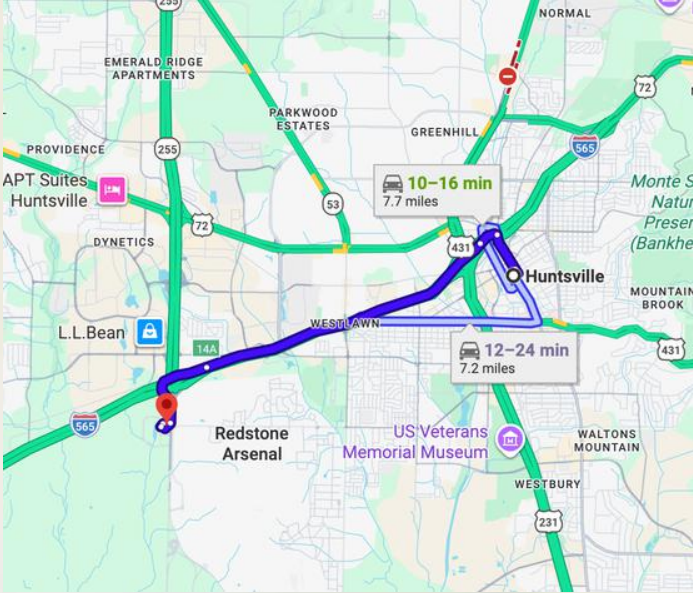
Search criteria: Status = SLD; Closed Date = 90 days back as of Sep 24, 2026; Type = SF; Acreage >= 0.25; Tot Fin Sqft Apx >= 2000; Bedrooms >= 3; Baths: Total >= 2; State = AL; City = specific to each city.



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Huntsville

Top Amenities, Retail, Shopping, Dining,
Quick Commutes, Master Planned
Communities, Hospitals, Trails, Rec Centers



POPULATION

237,140

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD
INCOME

\$74,714

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MEDIAN
HOME PRICE

\$3337K

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Feel:

A bigger,
more
spacious city
setting.



Think about:

Commute, Lifestyle,
Traffic



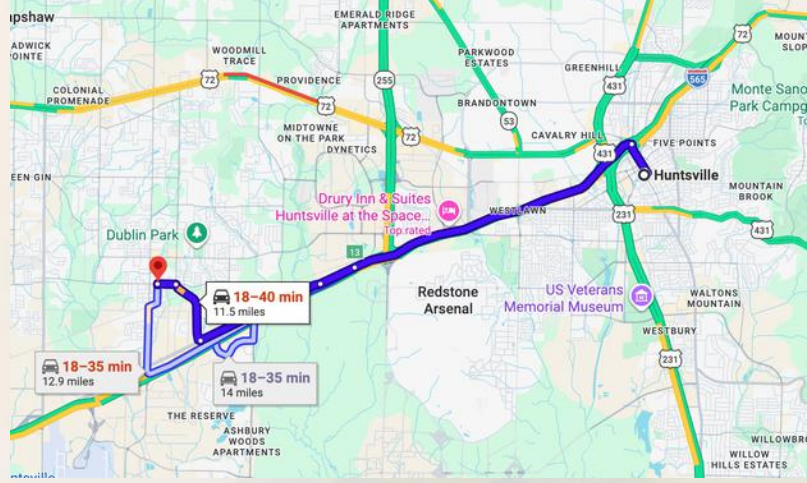
Look for:

Retail, Shopping, Dining,
Nature Trails, Hospitals,
Attractions.



Madison

Newer homes, strong everyday convenience, and close to Huntsville



POPULATION

69,611

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$134,655

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MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$425K

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Feel:

polished +
convenient



Think about:

lot size, price, and
school-zone
traffic

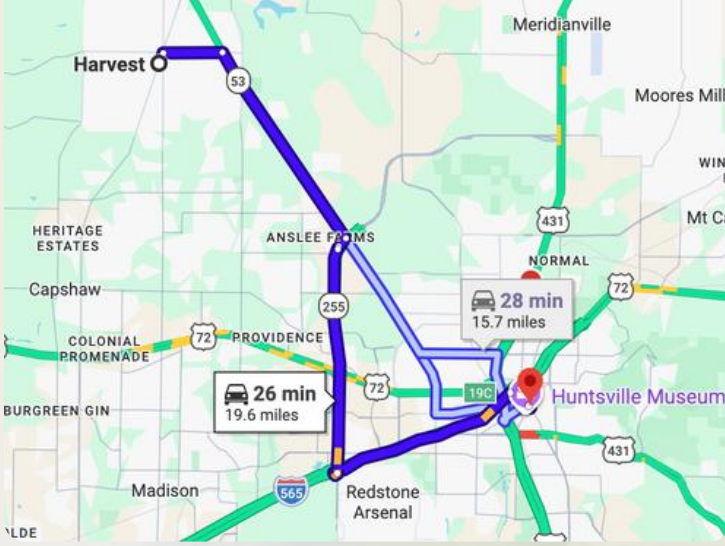


Look for:

newer
construction, retail,
parks, and
amenities

Harvest

A semi-rural feel with Madison and Huntsville still within the broader routine.



POPULATION

6,934

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$101,910

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MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$339K

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Feel:
open +
residential



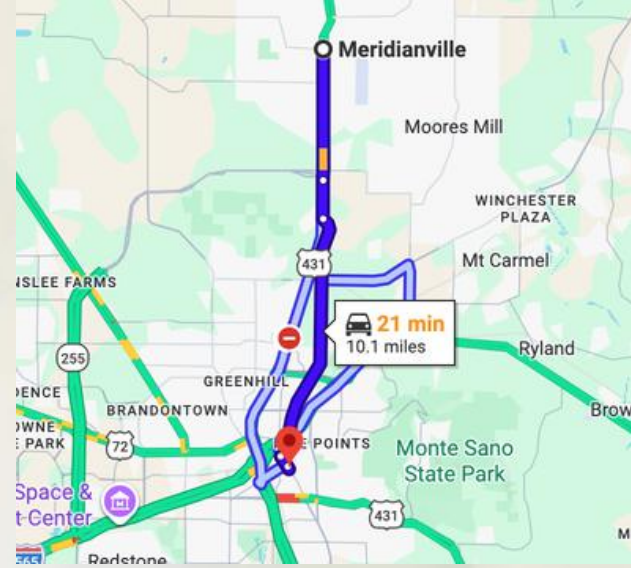
Look for:
larger lots,
newer homes,
and access
toward Madison



Think about:
retail distance
and your
daily route

Meridianville

A growing north-side option with more room than the core hubs.



POPULATION

11,248

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD
INCOME

\$97,434

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MEDIAN
HOME PRICE

\$340K

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Feel:

growing +
residential



Think about:

retail proximity,
schools, and
the daily drive

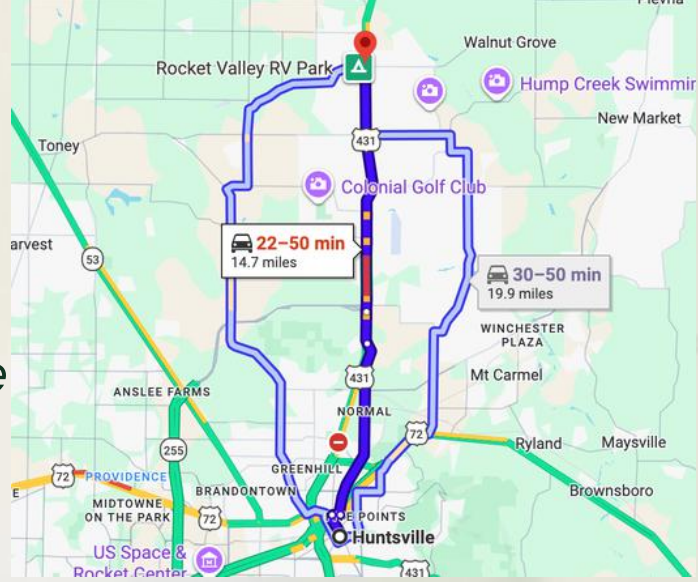


Look for:

newer homes,
space, and
north-side access

Hazel Green

More space and a quieter north-side setting, with convenience becoming a tradeoff.



POPULATION

3,796

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD
INCOME

\$86,271

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MEDIAN
HOME PRICE

\$284K

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Feel:

open +
residential



Think about:

retail distance,
route choice, and
daily driving

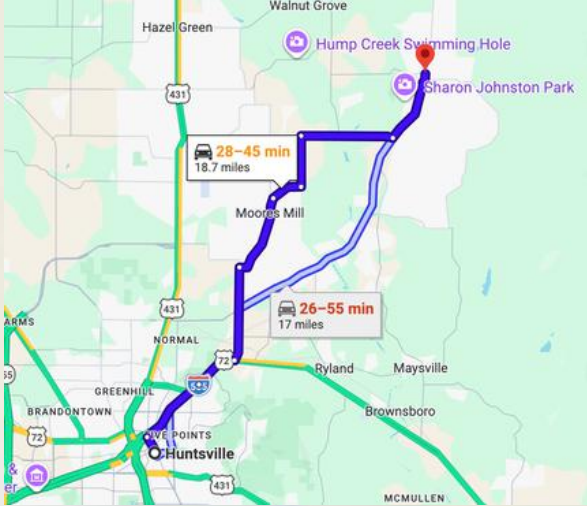


Look for:

newer homes,
space, and
north-side access

New Market

A quieter northeast option for buyers who value land, scenery, and distance from the core.



POPULATION

1,227

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$62,500

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MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$301K

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Feel:

Rural and scenic.



Think about:

longer drives and fewer nearby conveniences



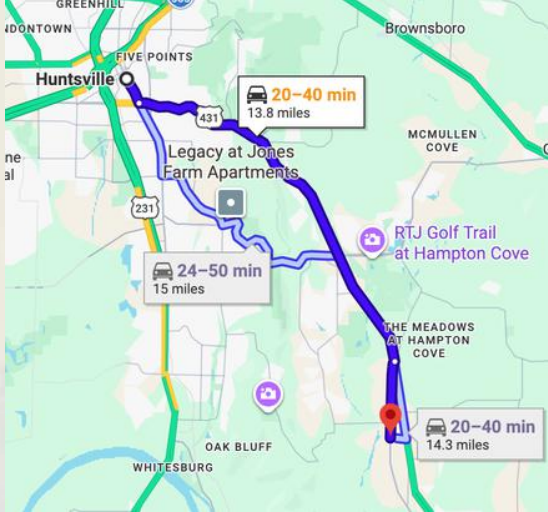
Look for:

Land, privacy, and a slower pace



Owens Cross Roads

*Views, seclusion, and outdoor access
with fewer everyday conveniences.*



POPULATION

3,458

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD
INCOME

\$86,188

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MEDIAN
HOME PRICE

\$394K

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Feel:

Scenic and
quieter.



Think about:

commute, retail
distance, and medical
access



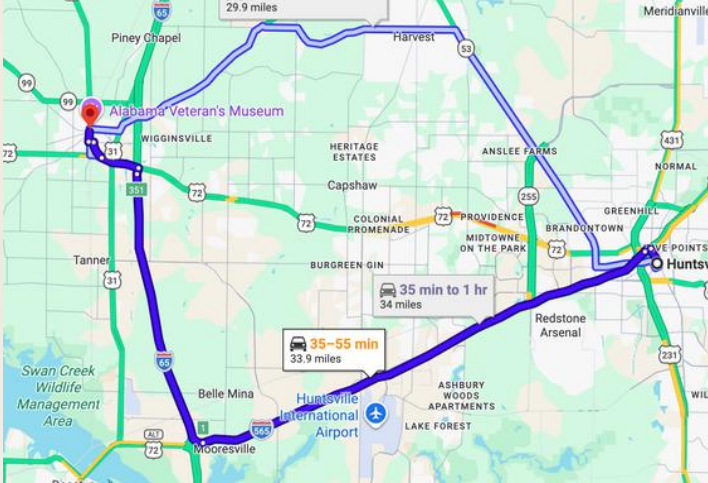
Look for:

mountain views,
Hampton Cove
access, trails, golf
course



Athens

A distinct community with a slower pace, more room, and a real downtown.



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35,936

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$69,922

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MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$303K

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Feel:

Independent and relaxed.



Think about:

the Huntsville commute and which side of Athens fits your routine



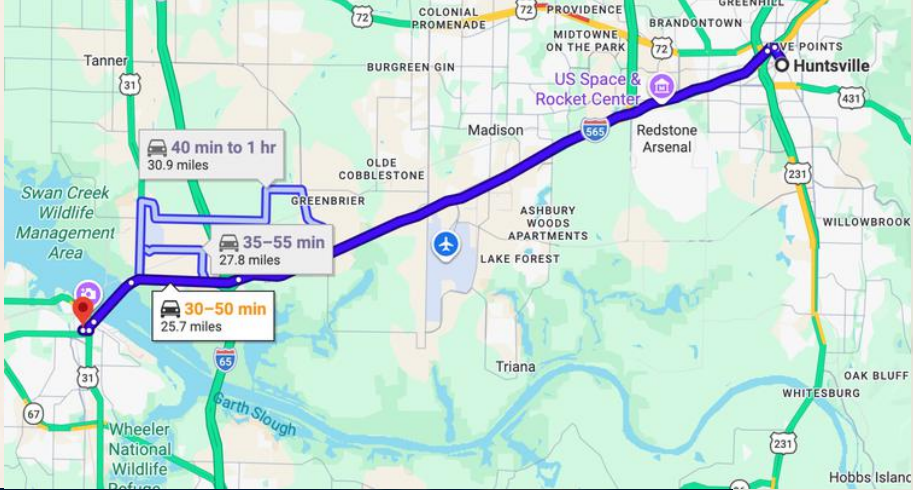
Look for:

Downtown, parks, lake access, and new construction



Decatur

River-city character, more space, and a community with its own employment base.



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58,291

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$61,563

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MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$261K

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Feel:

local +
established



Think about:

newer
construction,
retail, parks, and
school zones



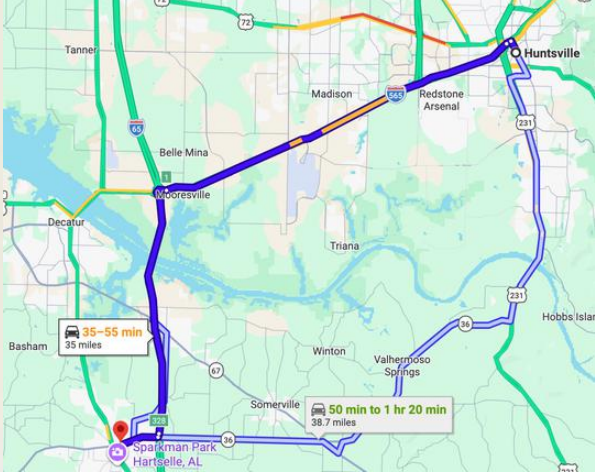
Look for:

historic districts,
riverfront parks,
Point Mallard, and
larger lots



Hartselle

*Small-town character, more space,
and a longer commute.*



POPULATION

16,474

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD
INCOME

\$76,290

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MEDIAN
HOME PRICE

\$312K

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Feel:

Small Town
+ slower
pace



Think about:

Train crossings,
dining options,
and the Huntsville
route



Look for:

Downtown,
acreage, farms,
and newer
communities



Homes, Lots, and New Construction

The house is only part of the decision. The lot, builder, neighborhood, and inspection plan matter too.



New construction:
incentives, timelines,
and builder variables



Resale: established
character,
maintenance, and
due diligence



Lot choice:
privacy, drainage,
HOA, and daily
convenience



Taxes in North Alabama



Property taxes:

[Madison County.](#)

[Madison County.](#)

[Limestone County.](#)

[State Income Tax Page](#)



Sales tax:

It affects everyday spending, not just the purchase price.



Verify current rates, exemptions, and homestead treatment before you buy.



The address matters.



Find Your Best Fit



More space
or shorter
drives?



New construction
or established
character?



Restaurants
nearby or
quiet nights?



Mountain views
or flat
convenience?



Acreage or
neighborhood
amenities?



Buy for today
or plan for
resale?

Your priorities narrow the map faster than a search filter.



The North Alabama Dream Sheet

I want to feel close to...

My ideal weekday commute is...

My non-negotiables are...

I am willing to trade ____ for ____.

The communities I want to explore first are...

Questions I still need answered...



Bring this to the
conversation.

It will make every
tour more useful.



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Richard Graham

45 Meeting with Richard

45 min

Web conferencing details provided upon confirmation.

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