



The Krewe De Tigris bring Mardi Gras to the Auburn Plains



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Despite the renown of Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Alabamians know [the true origins of Mardi Gras](#) began in Mobile—all the way back in 1703. Across the state, many other cities have adopted Mardi Gras parades, and Auburn is no exception.

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On Saturday, March 1, the streets of Downtown Auburn were teeming with parade floats, flying beads + purple, green and gold clad community members for its eighth annual Mardi Gras parade.

Keep reading to learn more about what this year's parade featured!

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Auburn’s Mardi Gras has been hosted by Krewe De Tigris since 2016. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

The [Krewe De Tigris](#), Auburn’s own Mardi Gras social organization, returned for another year to bring “myth and magic” to the Plains. The Krewe was established in 2016 with the intention of creating fellowship + community with its members year-round.

“The spirit of our Krewe exists in the dreams of a people who share a love of place and a sense of history. These dreams vest in the mysteries of a land where children dig for buried treasure in the red clay, where friends are as family, where time is measured by church bells, where celebrations erupt on a street corner and trees are draped with wisps of white.”

~ The Krewe De Tigris Mythology

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The Auburn Mardi Gras king and queen wave from their float on March 1, 2025. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

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The parade took place fr Thatch to Gay Street, the

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The route ran from College Street.



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A group of women dance to Chappell Roan's "Hot to Go" in Auburn's 2025 Mardi Gras parade. (Ella Walton /

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The parade featured:

- Nine floats
- A car driving Miss

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- Several walking + dancing groups
- Businesses
- Golf carts

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One float at the 2025 Auburn Mardi Gras parade was Alice in Wonderland themed. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

From noon to 2PM, the Auburn Downtown Merchants Association hosted a [Krewe Crawl](#) for members of the community over 21 years of age. Those who purchased a \$20 ticket were granted a wristband + used a purple souvenir cup to enjoy beverage samples at a list of bars + restaurants.

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All funds raised went back to support local businesses.

Participating businesses this year included:

- 17/16
- Bunkers
- The Collegiate Hotel
- Drafthouse
- Halftime
- The Hound
- Jack Browns
- Moe's
- One Forty Grill
- Staks
- Southeastern
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- Tacorita

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Toomer's Corner was rolled on March 1, both for Auburn's basketball win against Kentucky + the Mardi Gras parade. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

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Many other businesses along the route set tables outside with products to sell to passersby. **Boulangerie**, a locally-owned French bakery, could be seen selling mini King Cakes—with a line quickly forming as soon

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Following the parade, the trees of Toomer’s Corner were left adorned with toilet paper while stray beads, Moon Pies + candy littered the roads downtown.

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🎉 AUBURN MARDI GRAS: On Saturday, March 1, Downtown Auburn held its eighth annual Mardi Gras parade. 📌

Organized by the Krewe de Tigris, a social organization centered around celebrating the Mardi Gras season + the state of Alabama—where Mardi Gras began.

The afternoon's festivities featured:

- ★ Nine floats
- ★ Several walking + dancing groups
- ★ An appearance by Miss Auburn University
- ★ A Mardi Gras king and queen
- ★ A beverage sampling crawl

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Does your city in Alabama celebrate Mardi Gras? Let us know in the comments! 📌

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