

## POPULATION 127,358

## **FUN FACTS!**

Just a 30-minute commute from Athens is the Iron Horse, a 12-foot-tall abstract work of artist Abbott Pattison originally created for the UGA campus. It's reportedly protected by the Order of the Greek Horsemen, a secret organization.

"Ripley's Believe it or Not!" knows all about Athens. Local landmarks recognized by Ripley's include the double-barreled cannon and the "Tree that Owns Itself."

Four years after the Wright Brothers took flight at Kitty Hawk, Athens inventor Ben Epps designed, built and flew the first Georgia plane, in 1907. Epps is regarded as the father of Southern aviation.

